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**ASTON
VILLA**

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TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
WORST EVER INJURY: Ball hit me in the eye
and I had blurred vision for about five weeks.
**FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER
AND WHY:** John Robertson (Nottingham
Forest) — he's so consistent.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Everton.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY:
Argentina's Diego Maradona. He's so skilful
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks,
Cohen, Moore, Charlton, J. Wilson, Charlton,
R (all England), Giles (Eire), Baxter,
Johnstone, Law (all Scotland), Best (Northern
Ireland).
ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks,
Alberto (Brazil), Krol (Holland), Beckenbauer
(W. Germany), Wilson, Charlton, R, Rivelino,
Gerson, Garrincha, Pele (all Brazil), Best.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Goodison
Park (Everton).
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH
YOU HAVE PLAYED:** Juventus, Turin, Italy.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Last season against
Leeds in the League Cup.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Bobby
Charlton's tremendous effort against Mexico
in the 1966 World Cup.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Viv Anderson
(Nottingham Forest).
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Villa's last
home game of the season when we beat
Middlesbrough 3-0 to virtually clinch the
Division One championship.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:
Villa's final League game of last season at
Arsenal when we realised we'd won the
championship.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Playing badly
at Burnley and disappointing the fans.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Shooting and
swimming.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Going out for a
drink after a match and walking in the country.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Coronation Street
and Wildlife programmes.
TV SHOWS YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF:
Party political broadcasts and Crossroads.
FAVOURITE READING: True life stories and
biographies.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: The
Beatles and Diana Ross.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager shandy.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Charles
Bronson/Goldie Hawn and Susannah York.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Alan
Ball senior at Preston.
WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL:
People who think the game is easy.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Sugar Puffs and fresh
fruit salad for energy.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England
youth, Under-23 and B caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To have my own
business and travel the world.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win the
Championship again with Villa and play for
England.
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Tony Morley

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**FOREST
AND FASHANU**

MADE FOR EACH OTHER

JUSTIN FASHANU became football's youngest £1m player when he moved from relegated Norwich to Nottingham Forest.

And the talented black striker admitted: "I feel as though Nottingham Forest are made for me."

Manager Brian Clough agrees with his young England striker. He says: "I'm looking forward to working with Justin for the next 10 years- Forest and England have got something really special."

Justin added: "Forest remind me of Norwich because they never kick and rush. They always like to build up their moves from the back."

"With due respect to the Norwich players the only difference is that this time I'm surrounded by top class stars."

'I'm looking forward to working with Justin for the next 10 years — Forest and England have got something really special' — BRIAN CLOUGH.

"Being with Forest is like being with an England squad- there are so many big names around the place."

"Although Forest aren't in Europe this season I was still only too happy to sign for them. I met Brian Clough and was impressed with what he said."

"There's no doubt that he's a winner and that's a feeling that rubs off on the players around him."

"When I heard Forest were interested I had a chat with my former Norwich teammate Martin O'Neill (now with Man City) and he had nothing but praise for the City Ground set up."

"My main aim now is to get on and be successful with Nottingham Forest."

Justin admits it was a wrench to leave the homely atmosphere of Carrow Road for the big time with the European Cup winners.

"I wanted to play for a big time club because I'm ambitious to better my career- but that didn't stop me feeling sad

when I left Norwich," added Justin.

Despite playing in a team doomed for relegation last season, Justin showed his potential and scored 22 goals for the club.

He made his debut against West Brom in January 1979 and has been scoring goals ever since.

Justin could also have made the grade as a boxer- he reached the Amateur Boxing Association's heavyweight finals twice and scored 19 wins for his club Watton.

"I was getting on well and fancied the idea of becoming a boxer, but because you couldn't take up the sport professionally until you were 17 I had a year to kill when I left school," said Justin.

"I had trials with Peterborough and Norwich so when the Canaries offered me terms I decided to give it a go."

"I never expected to make the grade as

a footballer and I thought the bubble would burst and the club would reject me.

"But, to my amazement, it never burst and I kept scoring goals and by the time I was 17 I'd made my first Division debut."

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I'VE GOT THE BEST

FRANCIS CAN BRING BACK THE FEAR AT MAINE ROAD

TREVOR Francis - Britain's first £1 million footballer - is hailed as the man to spearhead Manchester City's charge back to the big time.

Says City's big spending boss John Bond: "Teams used to fear playing against this club and I want it to be like that again."

"I went after Peter Barnes, Joe Jordan and Justin Fashanu, but in Trevor I have the best of the lot."

"Teams used to fear playing against this club and I want it to be like that again" — JOHN BOND.

"I feel that City are now on their way back to the big time and Trevor will play a very big part in that - the fans deserve success and I'm delighted as much for them as anyone."

Trevor - who joined City from Nottingham Forest, in what was his second £1 million move - two games into the new season - is equally convinced the 'old magic' is on its way back to Maine Road.

"I won lots of honours with Forest and I'm hoping to do the same with City."

"The club gets tremendous support and is crying out for success - I hope to be part of it."

"There's no way I would have joined them if I didn't think I could win more honours."

"And I know I can cope with the pressure of another big money move."

"When I left Birmingham for Forest for £1 million I had doubts because I was the first player to cost that much."

"Since then other players like Steve Daly and Andy Gray have moved for bigger fees."

When City signed Trevor they vowed to play him as an out and out striker and he admits that in the later stages of his career with Forest he was worried for his international career. . . .

He was being asked to play a winger-cum-midfield role and says: "I didn't want to play in midfield - I didn't feel it was doing my England chances any good."

But he paid the biggest tribute possible to the management duo of Brian Clough and Peter Taylor at Forest when he said:

"They are the best management team in the game and I want to thank them for bringing my game on while I was there."

Ironically the role he was being asked to play at Forest had nothing to do with his transfer.

Said manager Brian Clough: "I was very sad that Trevor left us but the reasons were purely financial."

"We couldn't afford to turn down Manchester City's offer."

Says Trevor: "I had an idea that money trouble was behind the move, but the transfer came about simply because Forest accepted their offer and I was very impressed with the manager John Bond."

"In fact it was Manchester United who started the ball rolling two months before I signed for City when United manager Ron Atkinson met Brian Clough and they agreed a deal."

"It didn't materialise but I must admit I had made my mind up to go to Manchester - whether it was to join United or City."

"I'm delighted it was City."



PAUL MARINER

THE IPSWICH AND
ENGLAND STRIKER
WRITES FOR **YOU**

MY TIP FOR THE ENGLAND No 5 SHIRT

Russell's the man to step
into Dave Watson's shoes



Ipswich's Russell Osman, Paul Mariner's tip as the next England centre-half, is pictured with the UEFA Cup that came to Portman Road for the first time last season.

WHO will succeed Dave Watson as England's centre half?

That's been the burning question at international level for some time as soccer pundits look to the future.

At the moment my tip would be my Ipswich teammate Russell Osman, who has been capped three times in a central defensive role.

He took over from Dave Watson against Spain and Rumania last summer and then played alongside the Southampton defender in Switzerland.

And he did enough in those three matches to suggest that he could well be the man to take over when Dave's international days are over.

When that will be is another question as the big, powerful defender is still a tower of strength at club and international level and people don't really appreciate what a great player he is in the white shirt of England.

So if young Russell should eventually succeed Dave then he will be stepping into some really big shoes.

But I'm sure Russell is capable of making the number five shirt his property when the time comes.

He's only just turned twenty but already he has a wealth of European and First Division experience with Ipswich and

he can only go from strength to strength.

Distribution is one aspect of his game which needs sharpening up, but apart from that he has the makings to emerge as one of the top centre halves in the country.

He has tremendous desire to win which is a vital commodity for any ambitious player and he has the strength, power and tactical awareness that are so necessary for a top defender.

If one wanted a dark horse for the number five shirt then pencil down West Brom's teenage find Martyn Bennett.

I haven't actually faced the youngster . . . but fellow professionals have sung his praises to the extent that they

think he will eventually play for England.

And with John Wile around at West Brom, he's sure to be brought up the right way.

However, for me the title of the best defender I've ever faced goes to Holland's Van der Korput.

I came across him when he played for Feyenoord against us in a pre-season friendly and he was absolutely outstanding.

Since then he has taken his talents to Italian club Torino.

He looked almost the complete defender. He had pace, vision, strength, aerial power and he dominated the rest of the defenders.



MATCH columnist Paul Mariner has faced the best centre-halves in the business in his rise to fame.

Now the popular Ipswich and England striker talks exclusively about the six defenders who give him the most trouble in the First Division.

**'THE MEN WHO
MAKE LIFE HARD
FOR ME IN
DIVISION ONE'**



SIX

ALLAN EVANS (Aston Villa)

Allan probably ranks as one of the most under-rated defenders in the First Division.

He was one of Aston Villa's key players last season when they edged us out in the home straight for the First Division title.

I find it strange that Allan has been overlooked by Scotland manager Jock Stein because I'm sure he would prove a great asset in their squad.

He's a very strong and powerful defender who is not only good at stopping goals, but is also quite capable of sticking them in at the other end.

One remembers his cracking winner in the Midland derby with Birmingham last season.



JOHN WILE (West Brom)

JOHN has been a First Division defender now for something like ten years, and it's easy to see why he has stayed at the top.

He's a very fair and honest competitor who plays the game hard without being dirty.

He doesn't believe in too many frills and therefore plays within his limitations.

Having come from a lowly club, one can see that he has worked very hard at his game over the years and he is worthy of being labelled a true professional.

It's in the air where John is so dominating. He has perfect timing and he makes life so hard when the ball is in the air.

With Ally Robertson he has formed a strong, uncompromising barrier over the years which has enabled Albion to develop as one of the top teams in the country.



DAVID O'LEARY (Arsenal)

IF I had to select my hardest opponent then it would have to be Arsenal's David O'Leary.

For my money the Republic of Ireland international is the best centre-half in the country.

He always seems to get the upper hand against me although I felt I won the day when we defeated Arsenal 1-0 in the 1978 FA Cup Final.

David is a world-class defender and but for injury would have gained a lot more caps for his country.

He has plenty of pace, is strong in the air and contains most of the qualities needed to make a top grade central defender.

He dominates all the other defenders and I would say that he is virtually the complete player.

PAUL MARINER

NAMES HIS OF THE BEST



PHIL THOMPSON/ ALAN HANSEN (Liverpool)

The Liverpool pairing of Phil Thompson and Alan Hansen must rate as the most effective combination in the country.

I have bracketed them because both shadow me at various times during a match.

They read each others play so well that one could almost say they were telepathic.

Both have proved themselves as outstanding players at international level, and there is no doubt they are probably the most uncharitable pairing when it comes to conceding goals.

As a striker, a clash with Liverpool is not one to look forward to, although over the years I've had odd moments of success against them.

KENNY BURNS (Nottm Forest)

WHEN it comes to winners then Nottingham Forest's Kenny Burns is one of the leaders.

The tough-tackling Scottish international is a fierce competitor who wants to win all the time.

No doubt that kind of approach has rubbed off from manager Brian Clough, although Kenny has always been an aggressive player, either as a defender or in his Birmingham days as a striker.

It's his tough competitiveness which always guarantees you an uncomfortable afternoon.

He has developed the motto 'Thou shalt not pass' which is a most important attitude for a defender.

His distribution of the ball is one of the strong points of his game and, although not a tall player, he can be dominating in the aerial battles at either end of the field.



FRANK STAPLETON

United could have signed me for nothing

but you have to pay for your mistakes

MANCHESTER United splashed out nearly £1 million on Eire striker Frank Stapleton when they could have signed him for nothing!

For as a 16-year-old Frank visited Old Trafford on a week's trial. . . but the club rejected the youngster.

"They certainly could have got me much cheaper," smiled Frank. "But they say you have to pay for your mistakes."

And United parted with £900,000 to bring him back to Old Trafford in place of Joe Jordan who joined Italy's AC Milan in the summer.

"I came over to Manchester for a week's trial with David Langan- but neither of us were accepted.

"There were so many other good youngsters on trial at the same time that it must have been a difficult decision to say who stayed," admits the 26-year-old.

David, who now plays for Birmingham, went on to be accepted by Derby and became an Eire international, while Frank joined Liam Brady and David O'Leary at Highbury.

"I was a United fanatic when I was a youngster so it was disappointing for me when I was turned down by them," he added.

But Frank never expected to be pulling on a Manchester United jersey this season- when his contract ended at Arsenal

he thought his future lay on the continent.

"I couldn't see my future in this country- I thought one of the top German or Italian clubs might come in for me.

"I'd set my sights on joining Liam Brady at a foreign club so I was very disappointed when none of them came in for me."

But the cream of England were knocking at Arsenal's door and Frank could have joined European champions Liverpool.

"They made an initial inquiry and then didn't follow it up until it was too late."

Frank's transfer saga must be one of the longest running in the game's history- lasting nearly all the close season.

It was reported that Arsenal wanted nearly £2m for their striker and United's valuation was nearly half that so the deal went to an independent tribunal.

And United got the better of the deal when the tribunal came down on United's side and fixed the fee at £900,000.

"It would have been easy for me to have stayed at Arsenal but after nine years I felt I needed a new challenge.

"If I'd have stayed with them I would have never known if I was right or wrong to move," said Frank.

And even though United made a shaky start to the new season under new manager Ron Atkinson Frank is sure he's made the right move.

BACK IN THE OLD ROUTINE

**I want
to win
more
honours**

AFTER a brief fling with football at the wrong end of the table Martin O'Neill is back in the old routine... chasing the game's biggest honours.

Martin's career turned full circle in just four amazing months at the end of last season.

From the luxury of life with the European Champions Nottingham Forest he was suddenly pitched into the relegation scrap with struggling Norwich City.

He was looked upon as the club's saviour. And when that mission narrowly failed John Bond took advantage of his short contract to put him back on the transfer road — this time heading towards Manchester City.

The speed of the transfer caught Martin by surprise.

He said: 'We had only broken up a few weeks when City got in touch. I also heard reports that West Ham were interested but it was such early days.

'I was delighted with the

move to Maine Road. They are one of the biggest clubs around — and with a side to match.

'They reached the League Cup semi-final and FA Cup Final last season and that must say a lot for their battling qualities if nothing else.

'I'm still ambitious enough to win more honours. If we pull it off this season I will be more pleased than with anything I won at Nottingham Forest. Only winning the European Cup second time around would rank alongside it.

'My Forest success is all in the past and I'm very excited about the future.

Martin believes his experiences with Norwich will work in his favour at City.

'I had a fabulous time there and was as disappointed as everyone else when we were relegated. It was a good move for me because it got me out of the snug environment at Nottingham Forest.

'My Forest success is all in the past and I'm very excited about the future.' — Martin O'Neill

'I was there nine years and had a dream time. Then Brian Clough decided to give the side a younger look and it was clear I was no longer needed.

'But I've nothing to prove to Brian Clough. The only person I've got to prove anything to is myself — that I can still do a good job for a successful side.'

'Manager Ken Brown was marvellous to me at Norwich. It was his idea that I only signed until the end of the season because I was dubious about the very real possibility of relegation.

'It's probable that I would not have signed if we hadn't reached that compromise. But, saying that, I enjoyed myself so much that if Norwich had kept up I would have stayed with them.'

Martin O'Neill on the ball in Nottingham Forest's European Cup Final win against Hamburg. Retaining the trophy was Martin's sweetest moment in football.



HELL RAISER!

... but football tamed
DAVID HODGSON

IN HIS own words, Middlesbrough's strong running striker David Hodgson has been a bit of a hell raiser in his time. "I used to be wild and always in trouble as a kid, but then I grew up with some very hard lads," explains the youngster.

He learned how to cope with life amid the harsh reality of the back streets of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, but now David 21 is a reformed character, a soccer star idolised by thousands of Ayresome Park fans.

Football, he confesses, gave him an interest in life, a purpose, something to work for, and he has repaid the game by developing into one of the brightest young strikers to emerge from the current generation.

'I used to be wild and always in trouble as a kid'

Of course, on Tyneside football is more than just a game, it is a way of life, and for David Hodgson it was no different. From the age of four he went with his father - who was also a keen player and participated in the Northern League - to watch Sunderland's home games. Then it was back home and out into the street to join in the game.

The turning point came when David was 14. He says: "At the time I was going through one of my daft spells, staying away from school, fighting and so on, when I was asked to join the Redheugh Boys Club football team.

"They had tremendous facilities on the banks of the Tyne and the organisation impressed me. It was a nursery club for Middlesbrough and we had four teams from the age of eleven upwards. Of course, in

the streets we had all savoured ideas of becoming football stars, but I had never really thought it was on for me.

"I began to show some promise and gradually worked my way through the teams occasionally turning out for the older age groups. Although it was run very professionally, and no matter how good you were, they would not put you in too early. It was just the occasional game until you could really cope.

"Then every month we would go down to Middlesbrough to play them. Soon I was playing for the Middlesbrough side against Redheugh and when I was sixteen they asked me to sign on as an apprentice.

"But I tell you, it is not easy being an apprentice. You only have two seasons to prove your worth and that is not much time because the first year is spent struggling to get established in the team, and that only leaves one season to work at developing your game and building up confidence.

"Anyway I was lucky I got off to a decent start, then suffered some hamstringing trouble. But I was so frightened I would lose my place that I kept it quiet and continued to play. They found me out because I lost my pace and my shooting power... then I was in for a roasting.

"I can tell you that when it was getting close to the end of my apprenticeship I was feeling worried. Would I be kept on or not? I cornered our coach Bobby Murdoch one day and said: 'I know you aren't supposed to tell us three months in advance, but will I be offered a job?'

He replied: 'You have nothing to worry about'. That was a relief I can assure you.

Sure enough David was offered a contract and impressed manager John Neal enough to warrant a place in the first team against Bristol City in the home League game on November 4, 1979.



David remembers: "I was doing quite well for the reserves at the time, and then I went right off the boil when the chance did come along. Terry Cochrane had gone down with flu and I was given the number nine shirt.

"I shall never forget it. Our coach Jimmy Greenhalgh told me that reputations mean nothing on the pitch, it is just eleven against eleven. The only snag was the man marking me was not just an ordinary player, he was Norman Hunter.

"I gritted my teeth and got stuck in using my arms as much as I could and then it happened. I hit Norman with my elbow. He picked himself up and came

flying at me like a demented soul, I couldn't believe it.

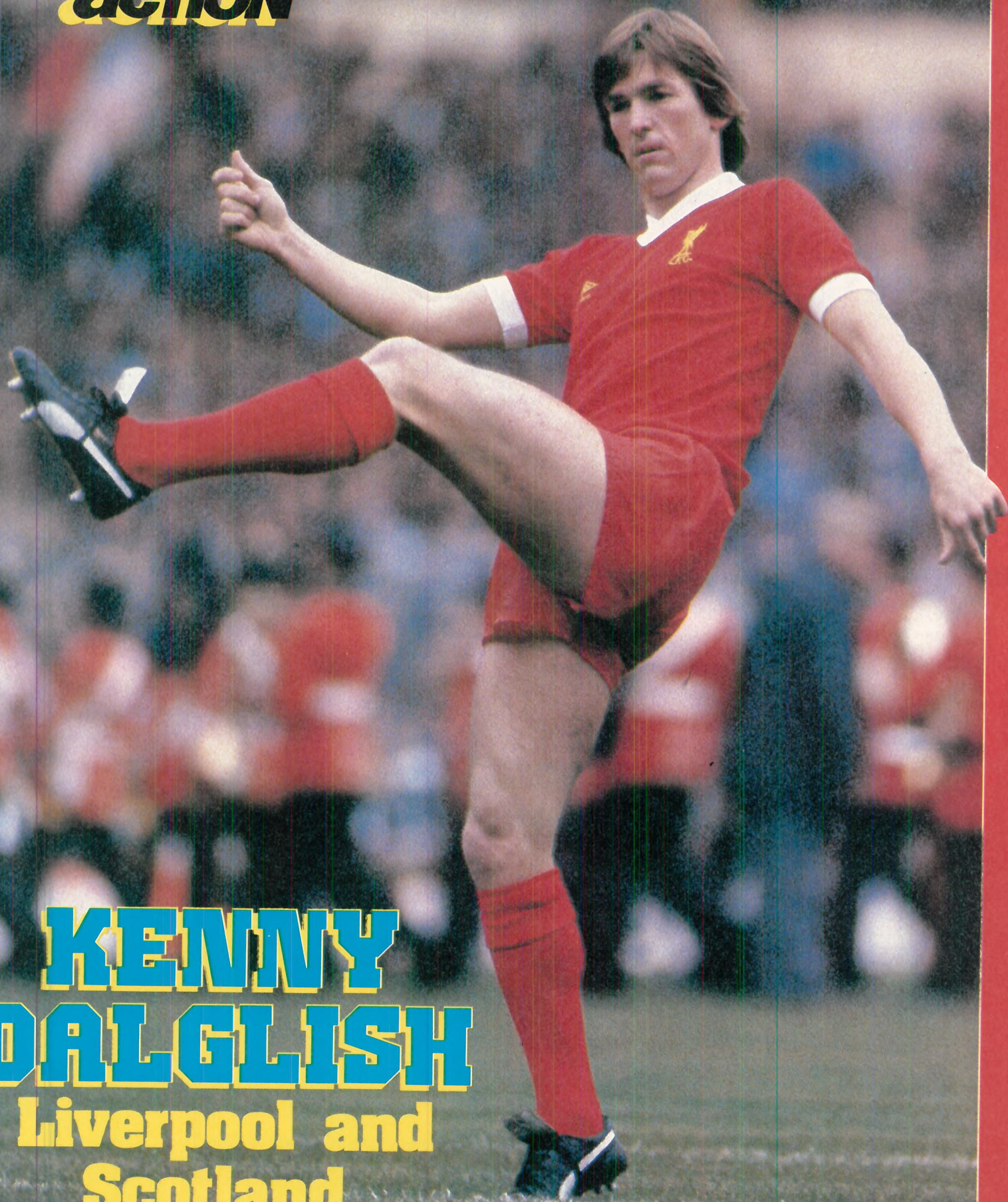
"But it did me a good turn because from then on I had the crowd on my side and I tell you the Ayresome Park fans are hard ones to win over, but from then on the cheers were for me."

The following Tuesday it was back to the Reserves as Neal nurtured David along slowly. March 3 was the next full game, away to Wolves.

Neal told David: "This is your chance if you can play well today then you make the position your own."

"Well, he did just that, and has maintained his place, apart from injuries, ever since".

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**KENNY
DALGLISH**
Liverpool and
Scotland

WHAT a great season it was. . . Aston Villa took the Championship, Spurs won the FA Cup in one of the most exciting Finals ever, and Liverpool and Ipswich grabbed European glory.

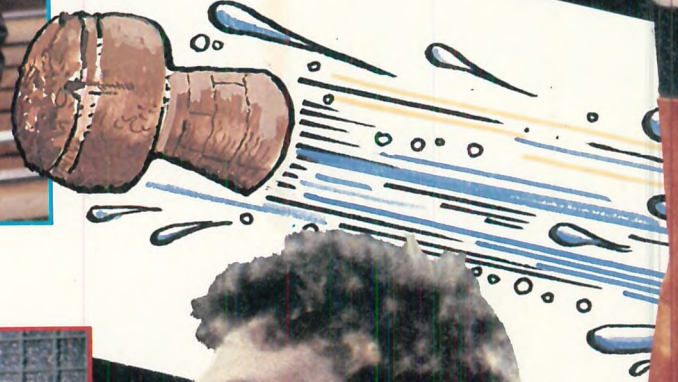
Match salutes the winners with this super colour picture special on the teams who took the honours. . .



Above: Villa are champions — exciting young striker Gary Shaw (left) and Des Bremner parade the Championship trophy through the streets of Birmingham in a open top bus.

Right: Pride of Dundee — United skipper Paul Hegarty holds aloft the Scottish League Cup after his team had beaten City rivals Dundee 3-0 in the Final.

Below: Champagne celebration — Europe's top scorer John Wark with the UEFA Cup which Ipswich won by beating Holland's AZ 67 5-4 on aggregate.





Liverpool's goal-scoring hero Alan Kennedy (left) celebrates with Phil Neal after winning the European Cup in Paris.

CELEBRATIONS!



THE WINNERS '80-81

Division One champions: Aston Villa.
 Division Two champions: West Ham.
 Division Three champions: Rotherham.
 Division Four champions: Southend.
 FA Cup winners: Tottenham Hotspur.
 League Cup: Liverpool.
 European Cup: Liverpool.
 UEFA Cup: Ipswich.
 Scottish Premier Division champions: Celtic.
 Division One champions: Hibernian.
 Division Two: Queens Park.
 Scottish Cup winners: Rangers.
 League Cup: Dundee United.

Left: Wembley thriller — jubilant Spurs players parade the FA Cup after the Final replay victory over Manchester City.



JOHN

YOU GET some idea of just how long John Wile has been involved at the summit of English soccer when he names the top strikers he's faced . . . and includes a father and son!

Tony Hateley, the King of the aerial battlers, and his son, Mark, who is rising to the same heights with Coventry, figure among John's list of the men who have given him most trouble.

The tidy defender has worn the number five shirt at the Hawthorns for so long that the club ought to be re-named Wile Bromwich Albion. So who better to give a rearguard view of the players who have thrilled the fans over the last 15 years?

John's number one striker is Malcolm Macdonald — and that's despite coming out on top in 99 per cent of their battles.

John explained: "You could guarantee that a goal would result from the one time in a hundred that Malcolm got the upper hand. One slip and he was away, bang, the ball was in the net. He was so good he just needed one chance to score. "He was built like a bull. He was very strong, very quick, and packed a tremendous shot.

"On sheer goalscoring ability alone there's been no one to replace Malcolm.



Above: King of the aerial battlers — Tony Hateley.



Above: Welsh international Wyn Davies, pictured early in his career. "I jumped as high as I could against him and still only reached his knee caps!" says John.

"For some reason we don't breed natural goalscorers like him anymore. Obviously defences have become more organised and midfield men, and even forwards on occasions, are expected to defend, but there's a definite dearth of goalgetters around.

"You can give even our top forwards two or three shots these days — and they still struggle to score. Mind you, they are a handful in plenty of other ways.

"Paul Mariner, for instance, is as good as any around today. Very mobile and an ideal target man. Equally dangerous in the air and on the ground and physical with it. I've got a feeling we haven't seen the best of Paul.

"Aston Villa's Peter Withe is of the same mould and equally difficult to play against.

"He makes good use of the experience he's picked up on his travels and rarely wastes a ball. He's got a deft touch for a big man and knows where the goals are.

"Kenny Dalglish goes about his work brilliantly. He gives defenders as hard a time as anybody.

"He's tremendously aware of



Right: Coventry's Mark Hateley is a chip off the old block.

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who have given him
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SUPERMAC-MY NUMBER ONE

making space for himself and uses his physical attributes — his strength and low centre of gravity — to the best advantage.

"Frank Stapleton is the prime example of the modern-day attacker. He can adapt to man-for-man marking and knows what is required of him. He makes some tremendous blind side runs.

"Of the younger players I particularly like Justin Fashanu — although he's got a lot to learn — and the Coventry kids, Garry Thompson, Mark Hateley and Tommy English made life difficult for me last term.

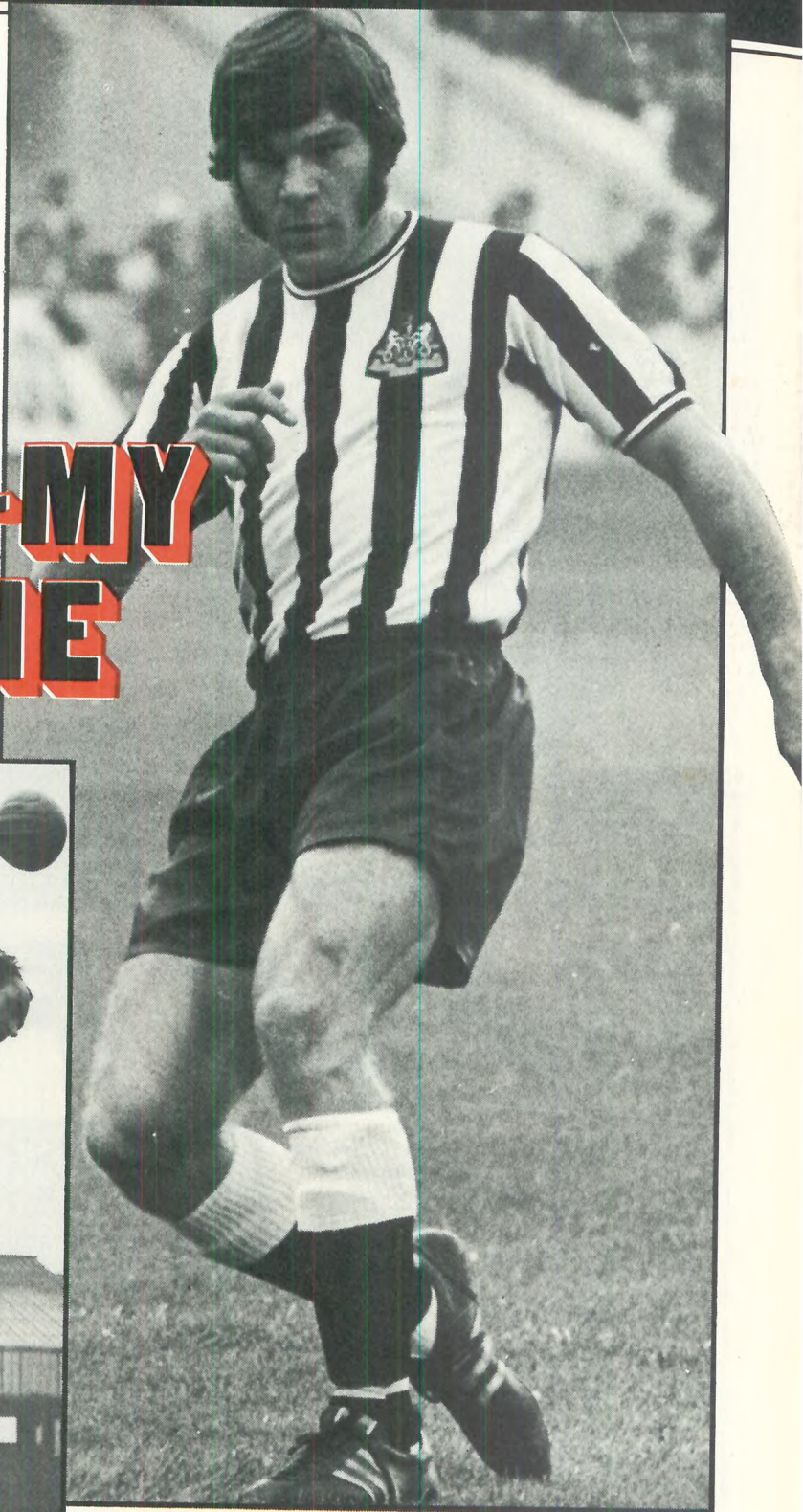
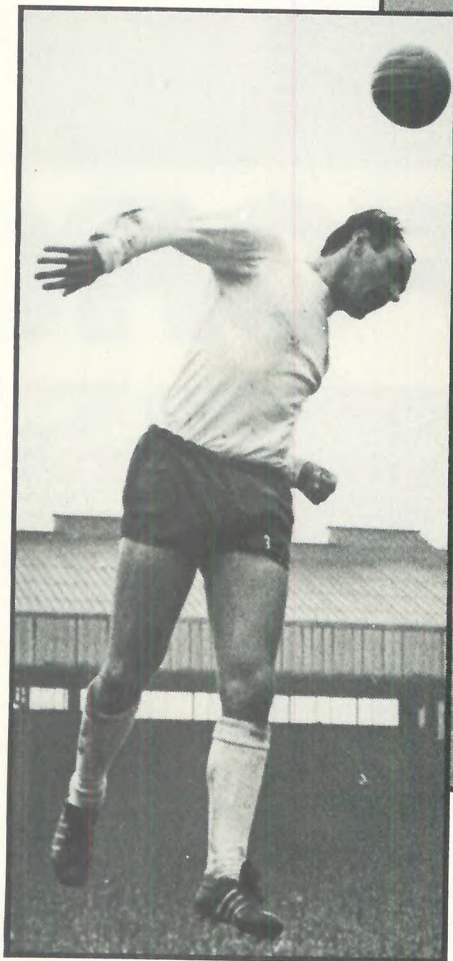
"The players I remember from the past all seem to have been good headers of the ball.

"I'm thinking in particular of Ron Davies, the old Southampton warhorse, and his Newcastle namesake. I used to jump as high as I could against Wyn Davies — and still only reach his knee-caps!

"Tony Hateley was another and John Toshack was very hard to handle in the air. I also remember Alan Gilzean, although he wasn't particularly tall. He possessed such subtle touches and we used to have a tremendous battle of wits.

John can talk with such knowledge of strikers because he started out on the road to stardom in attack.

"My first game for Sunderland reserves were up front — I was once substitute for the first team after scoring three goals and having two more disallowed for the reserves."



Above: Newcastle and Arsenal star Malcolm 'Supermac' Macdonald — John Wile's number one striker.

Left: Scottish international Alan Gilzean was subtle in the air, says John.



Howard Kendall... swept into the Goodison 'hot seat' with all the impact of a gale force wind.

Peter Eastoe (right) — one of the few survivors of Howard Kendall's 'spring clean' at Everton.



GALE FORCE!

IT'S eleven years since Everton won a major honour.

Since that League Championship success they have had to live in the shadows of Merseyside rivals Liverpool who have collected silverware as if it's going out of fashion.

It's a painful experience that has stretched the patience of the staunch Everton faithfuls, but now there is confident talk on the terraces of a new era.

They feel that former player Howard Kendall, who has swept into the Goodison 'hot seat' with all the impact of a gale force wind, could be the man to change the balance of power in this soccer-mad city.

And their optimism is supported by last season's top scorer Peter Eastoe who was one of the few survivors of Kendall's 'spring clean'.

"If there is a man around who can revive Everton's fortunes, then it must be Howard," says Peter.

"He's very thorough and professional in every aspect and the early signs are very favourable.

"We are far more organised and are equipped to deal with every situation.

Clean sweep Kendall's the man to revive Everton's fortunes

There's also a lot of work done on set pieces.

"He likes everything to run like clockwork and puts a lot of emphasis on discipline. One of his first moves was to introduce stiffer fines for bookings."

"But he's a winner in every sense of the word and I think most of the players are also winners.

"There is a lot of pressure on the manager as well as the players. The new players won't feel it for a while, but when you've been around for a year or so, you get to know what football means to the Everton fans.

"I know we've had some good cup runs in recent seasons, but our League performances have been disappointing, and

the fans judge us on our First Division form.

"Nothing gives them greater pleasure than to finish above Liverpool in the table, but that hasn't happened for a while.

"I think we've got to aim this season for a place in Europe and then we can go on from there.

"A place in Europe would be regarded as a great success for the new manager in his first season, particularly if we can finish above 'The Reds'."

Peter's own ambitions are quite simple: "I just want to score as many goals as possible and see out my three-year contract which expires at the end of the season.

"Obviously I didn't know whether my future was still with Everton when the new manager arrived.

"Every new manager has his own ideas about players as I found to my cost when I was at Queen's Park Rangers, but I was hoping that my 15 goals last season would help my case.

"Now I'm looking forward to forming a successful partnership with either Alan Biley or Mike Ferguson."

12 YEARS A SAINT

Nick Holmes won't be joining
soccer's happy wanderers

NICK Holmes has been a loyal servant to Southampton Football Club in every sense of the word — for he first began supporting the club when he was only seven years old.

"I was so small that I had to complain to my Dad that I couldn't see," said Nick, now in his 12th year at the Dell.

"Thankfully tickets weren't so difficult to get in those days and he was able to buy a couple of season tickets. I'll never forget the thrill of sitting down for the first time to watch a game.

"We used to go to all the home games — reserves as well — and travelled to the nearest away games.

"The chance came to play on Saturday afternoons as I got older, but I never let it interfere with my devotion to the Saints."

Nick's own development as a player increased with his years and it was only natural, in view of his red-and-white upbringing, that when football became his living Southampton would pay his wages.

"Signing apprentice forms for the club of my dreams was such a thrill," Nick said. "Not only for myself but for my parents as well."

Twelve years later Nick is still a Saint — a term that would be considered crazy by other players who would hope to have made at least three moves in that time, multiplying their bank balance with each one.

But you'd be hard pushed to find a more contented performer than Nick. "I've got everything I could want in Southampton. All my family live near, I've got a lot of friends in the area, my home life is smashing and I couldn't wish for a better club to play for.

"I know a lot of players would consider they were in a rut if they stayed as long as I have. But everybody's different. I suppose the thing is I'm easy-going. I don't feel I've ever demanded anything from the club.

"I've never been a money-grabber and I should think the manager sees less of me than anybody else.

"Obviously I get frustrated at times if things don't go well for the team but those frustrations would still be there if I moved on. There are only a few clubs who can be considered bigger than Southampton — and I don't think they would be interested in me!"

Nick's modesty is typical of a player who doesn't wish to join soccer's wanderers; a player who really is suited to the 'Holmes-life'.

Southampton's Nick Holmes: "There are only a few clubs that could be considered bigger than Southampton and I don't think they would be interested in me!"



Match gives you a close-up on some of the games big hitters – the men with explosives packed in their boots.



Above: West Brom's John Deehan shows his determination as he beats Liverpool's Sammy Lee to the ball and blasts away.

Right: Saved by the post! Everton keeper Jim McDonagh can only watch as a hammer shot from Liverpool's Sammy Lee smacks the upright.

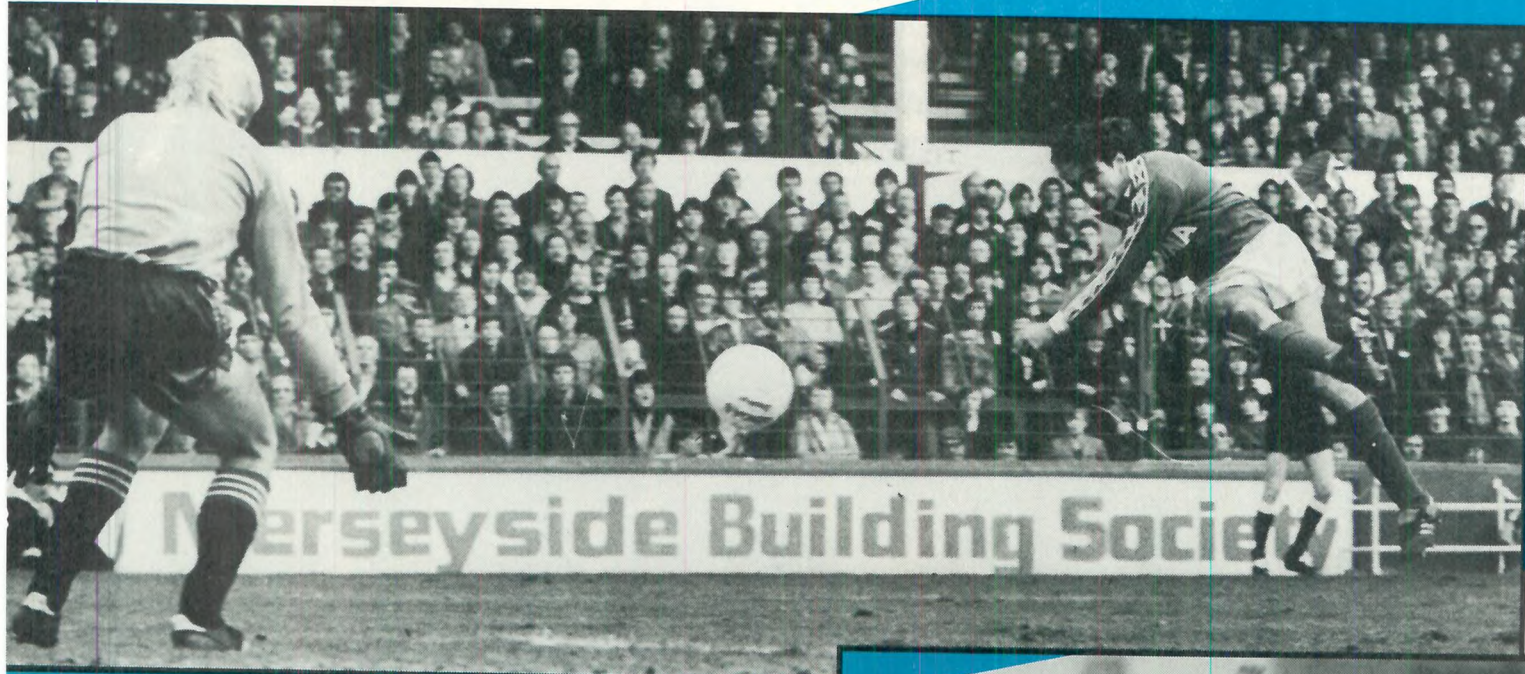
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Above: Manchester City's Gerry Gow blasts the ball past Tottenham defender Graham Roberts during last season's FA Cup Final at Wembley.

Right: Destined for the back of the net – that was this rasping left foot shot by Manchester United and England winger Steve Coppell against Norwich.



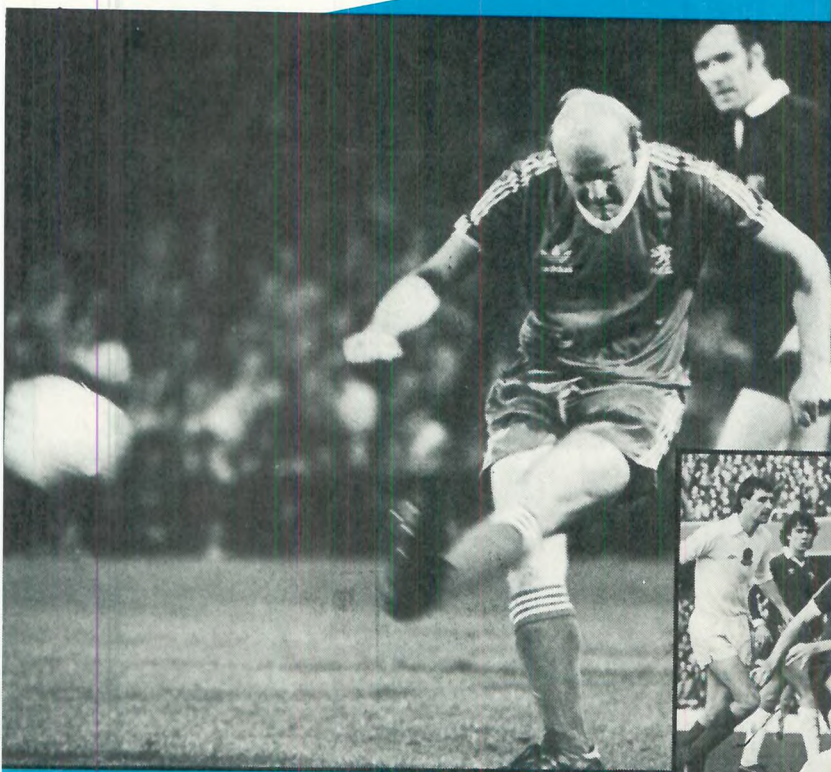


Airborne Everton striker Imre Varadi unleashes a thumper against Manchester United keeper Gary Bailey.

THAT!



Above: Ace Wolves striker John Richards fires in a bullet of a shot at the Wrexham defence during their FA Cup clash at Molineux last season.



Above: A study in concentration as David Armstrong (now Southampton) lets fly for Middlesbrough against Derby County.

Thump! Chelsea's Alan Mayes sends one goalwards against Shrewsbury in a Second Division clash at Stamford Bridge.



What went wrong?

Give me
another chance
Ron — says
JOHN GIDMAN



FLYING full-back John Gidman hopes his close-season move to Manchester United has saved his England career.

It's four years since John made his one and only England appearance at Wembley in a 5-0 win over Luxembourg.

But since his £650,000 move from Aston Villa to Everton in October, 1979 the attacking full-back has dropped out of the England scene.

"I'd love to get back into the international set up and play for England in the World Cup Finals in Spain," said John.

"Obviously I was disappointed that I didn't get another chance — I don't know what went wrong.

"At the time I was unsettled at Aston Villa and I don't suppose my dispute with manager Ron Saunders helped me," admitted John.

But now the 27-year-old hopes to pick up the pieces of an international career that promised so much.

"All I want to do now is play well for Manchester United — if I do that I'll be in the limelight and there's a chance the England manager will notice me."

John became new Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson's first signing when he swapped clubs with Welsh international Mickey Thomas.

"I've always liked Manchester United so signing for the Old Trafford club was like a dream come true," said John.

"The new manager is determined to bring back style to the club and that means I'll be doing a lot of attacking up the flanks — and that's just how I like it.

"I didn't get as much opportunity to do that at Everton and I was discontented with their style of play at times — I felt my game was coming to a standstill.

"I've always liked to try things out of the ordinary and sometimes it got me into trouble with the manager.

"But Ron Atkinson is a manager who's committed to entertaining the fans and he's the sort of boss I like to play for."

John has signed a four year contract at Old Trafford and hopes that in that time he'll regain his England spot and help the club win honours.

Manchester United's John Gidman... four years since he made his one and only England appearance.

HURT

CLIVE ALLEN'S football career is just beginning, yet this 20-year-old striker has experienced enough traumas to last him a lifetime.

After sensationally bursting onto the senior scene with a debut hat-trick against Coventry City in April 1979 he quickly earned a reputation for goalscoring and endorsed the fact with 28 League goals in his first full season with QPR.

Arsenal responded quickly and elevated Clive to the status of superstar by splashing out a cool £1 million on the teenager in the summer of 1980... it was then that things began to turn sour.

Let Clive tell you what happened: "Being a Londoner it seemed the ideal move for me because I could still live at home and play for one of the biggest clubs in the country. At the time everything looked really rosy and I reported for pre-season training.

"I was hurt that I had worked hard for a chance to prove myself at the top and then been thrown out without having a chance."

"A week before the season was due to commence we returned from a tour to Yugoslavia when Terry Neill told me that Terry Venables had made an offer involving an exchange deal with Kenny Sansom.

"I was very surprised that he was willing to let me go as I had only just been bought and I was looking forward to a career at Arsenal, but once I realised that I wasn't wanted the only real answer was to move on.

"I had talks with Terry Venables and everything was worked out and I moved to Palace. Things did not go at all well at Selhurst Park — not only for me — but for the whole team.

"I was hurt at the way I had been treated... I was hurt that I had worked hard for the chance to prove myself at the top and then been thrown out without having had a chance. I was determined I was not going to let the affair affect my football.

"But then everything around me was happening. There were lots of people only too eager to say silly things and carry on, whereas I wanted to be left to concentrate on my football. It was all just too crazy for words, I was just not allowed to settle down.

"It wasn't so bad when Terry

... but now I intend to repay Terry Venables' faith in me



Venables was in charge at the Palace, but when he left it all went to pieces. We had been losing games and could not get out of the rut and because I had cost £1 million the finger began to be pointed at me... I took the brunt of the stick from the fans and the media.

"It did not particularly worry me that I was being used as a target, but I was annoyed at the way it was done. After Terry left we had a string of managers within a matter of months all with different ideas on the way we should play. No wonder it did not work.

"Anyway I felt I was being made the scapegoat for a lot of bad results and when Ernie Walley took over I was axed. After that I was in and out of the side but could not tie down a regular place. People used to ask me why and I could not answer them because no one would tell me.

"Teams were just picked and I wasn't involved so I decided that I must seek another club where I would be treated like a person.

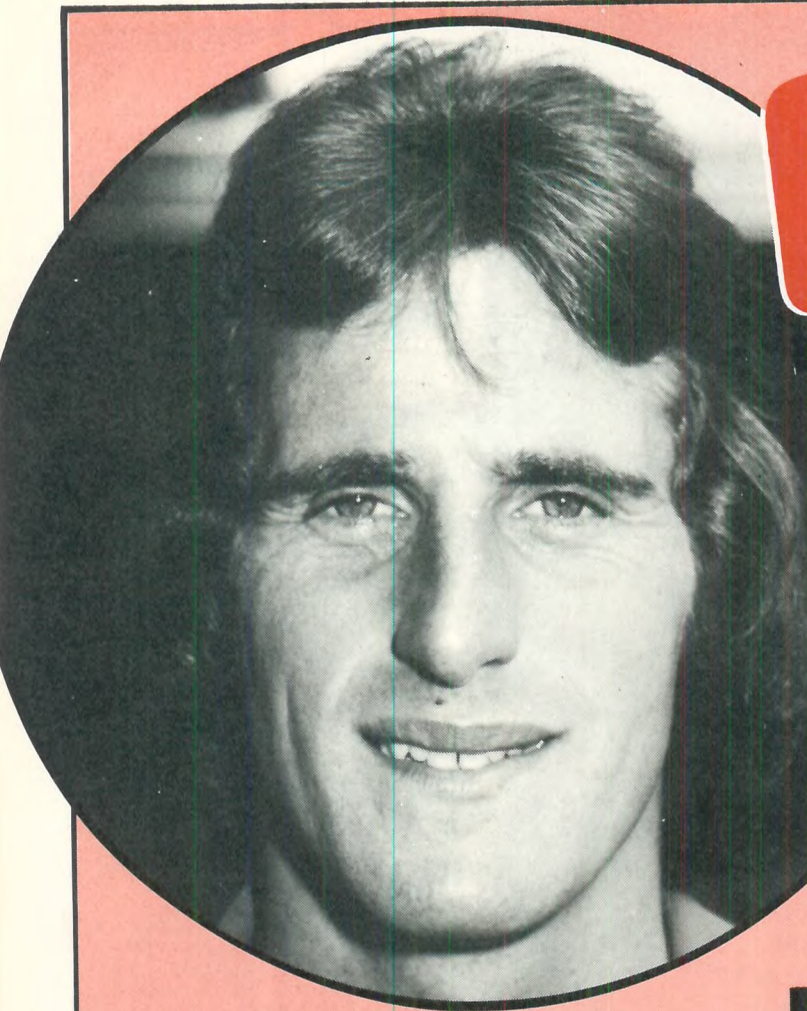
"Now I am back where I started at Rangers and Terry has once more given me the chance to prove myself. I won't let him down because he asks me to play the way that suits me best.

"It wasn't so bad when Terry Venables was in charge at Palace but when he left it all went to pieces."

"I don't feel under any pressure to do well at Rangers. They have bought me back for something like £450,000 so they obviously believe I can do it for them and I will because I want to be part of a successful team.

"I want people to comment that Terry made a good investment and I intend to repay them by making myself worth a lot more than they have paid for me.

"I have shown before that I can score goals. I don't know why I should have this talent, some of it obviously comes from Dad who scored some goals himself in his time. It is something you acquire or are born with."



OFF TO AMERICA

but don't
worry Spurs fans
... Ray's not
leaving yet

Below: Spurs keeper Ray Clemence clashes with Aston Villa's David Geddis and Peter Withe (9) during his debut at Wembley in the Charity Shield.



SPURS goalkeeper Ray Clemence wants to finish his star-studded career in America.

Ray, who joined the North London club after 14 glory years at Liverpool, admitted: "When I leave White Hart Lane I want to finish my playing days with a spell in the States."

But Spurs' fans needn't worry that they'll be losing Ray just yet - he's signed a three-year contract with the club - and he reckons he can play until he's 40.

"I see no reason why I shouldn't be able to keep going until then as long as I can stay clear of injuries."

"The great Gordon Banks could have played until that age if his career hadn't been cut short by a dreadful car accident," said Ray.

But a more immediate problem for the England international is the new challenge at Spurs.

"I had so much success at Liverpool that I found it difficult to motivate myself - I needed a new challenge," he explained.

And he admits that being behind the Spurs defence is 'different' to what he was used to at Anfield.

"Spurs play such beautiful football at times the players tend to forget that they've got men to mark - I've told them they'll have sore ears by the

end of the season!"

And he's already shown that he's not scared of dishing out the orders when he sees fit.

"I like to be in command of my six-yard box so I tell my defenders where I want them," explained Ray.

Looking back on his glorious career at Anfield Ray admitted: "It was the fans that helped make it so special."

"I'll never forget them when we won the League Championship at Wolves in 1975-76 with goals from Kevin Keegan, John Toshack and Ray Kennedy."

"The atmosphere was fabulous and the visiting supporters made the night one of the highlights of my career."

"They gave us a night never to be forgotten in May 1977 when we won the European Cup for the first time by beating Borussia Moenchengladbach 3-1 in Rome - especially when you consider we'd lost the FA Cup Final to Manchester United a few days earlier."

"On those nights the fans made the occasion just a little bit special and they'll always stand out for me," he said.

"I'll always be grateful to the Liverpool supporters," he added.

Ray seems to be building up the same kind of rapport with the Spurs' faithfuls.

"They've given me a fabulous welcome so far," he admitted.



THE MATCH WINNERS "1"

Men whose moment of magic clinched glory

Liverpool's breakthrough — Alan storms past the Real defence to hammer the ball past helpless Spanish keeper Augustin.



As the ball thumps the back of the net Alan holds up his arms in celebration — the Spaniards can only look on in despair.

Brilliant BARNEY!

ALAN KENNEDY (LIVERPOOL)

V REAL MADRID

EUROPEAN CUP FINAL

PARC DES PRINCES, MAY 27, 1981

LIVERPOOL'S 'Barney Rubble' saves his best for Cup Finals.

Alan Kennedy — nicknamed Barney by Anfield's Kop because he looks like the Flintstones cartoon character — hit goals in both Liverpool's Cup Finals last season.

His first came against West Ham in the League Cup at Wembley but he saved his best for the European Cup against Real Madrid.

"It was the greatest moment I've had in football when I saw the ball hit the back of the net," said the former Newcastle defender.

"I've won the League Championship, League Cup and Charity Shield but nothing can compare with winning the European Cup."

Alan left his match-winner until the dying stages of the game. The final was 83 minutes old when he broke the deadlock with a blaster.

"I got the ball from a throw-in and saw some space ahead of me," he said.

"The chance was there when a defender mis-kicked and I just kept going on before I slammed the ball home past goalkeeper Augustin."

But even scoring the winner in a European Cup Final doesn't secure you a first team place at Anfield — as Alan found at the start of the new season.

The arrival from Brighton of Eire international Mark Lawrenson has put a question mark over the Geordie's future with Liverpool.

A full-page photograph of footballer Mick Channon in mid-action, kicking a ball. He is wearing a red and white Southampton kit. The background is a blurred stadium crowd.

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**MICK
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Southampton
and England

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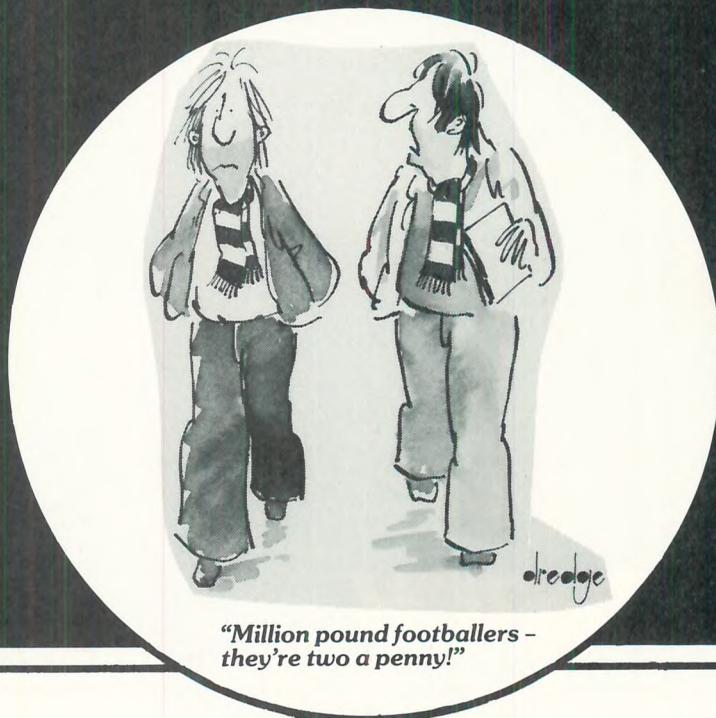
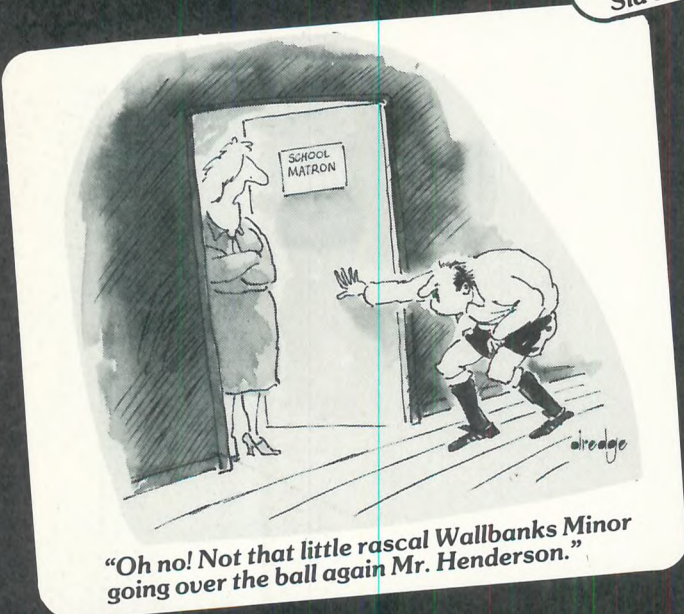
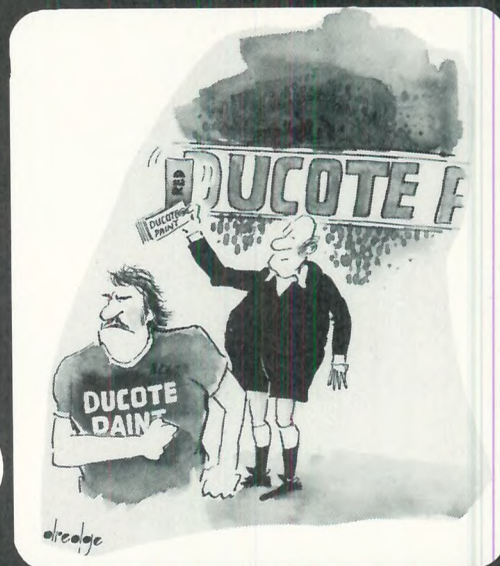
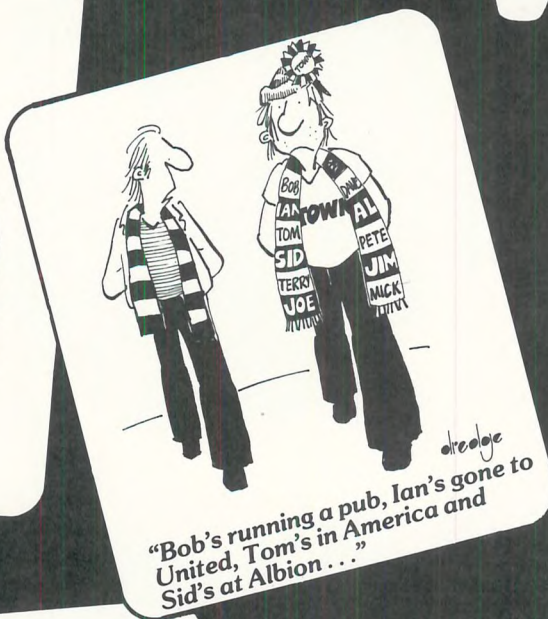
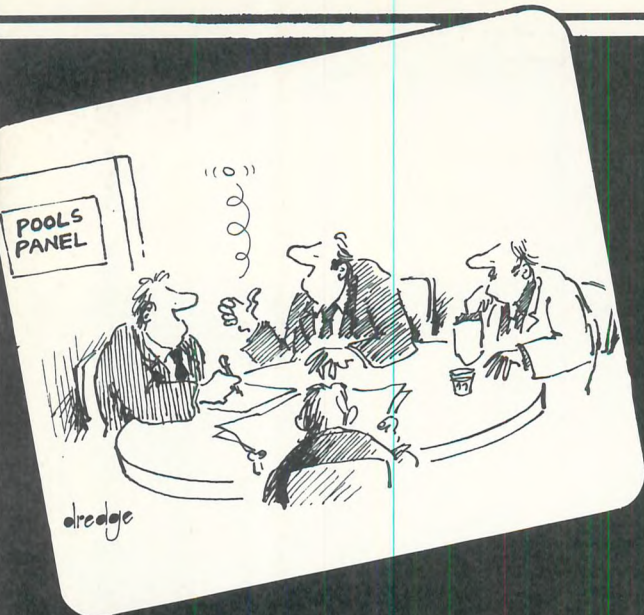
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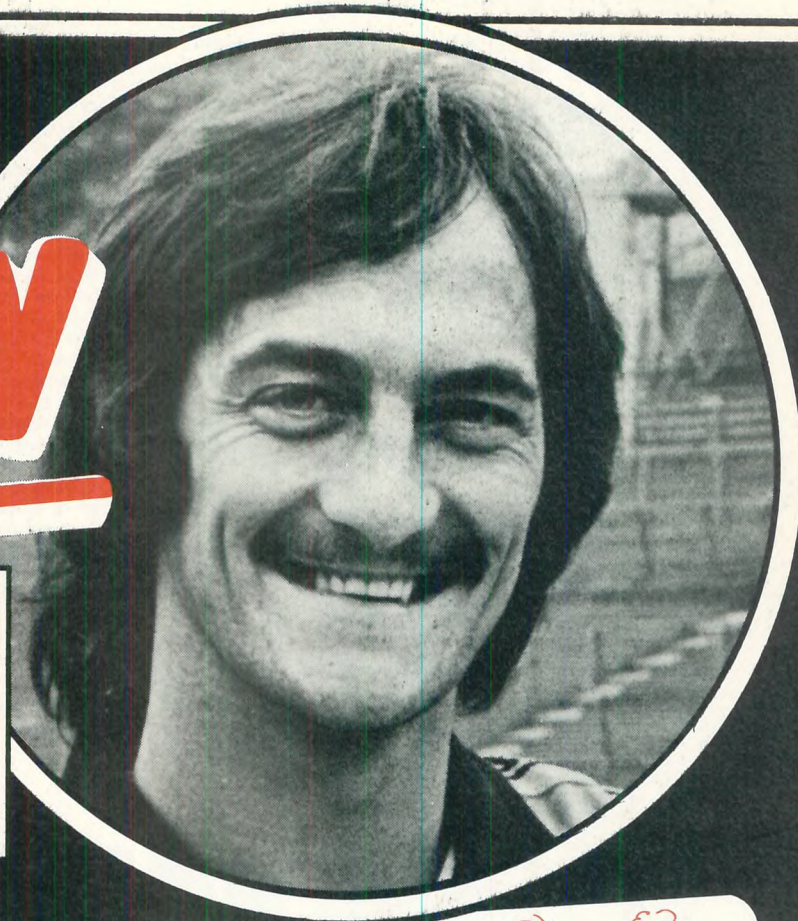
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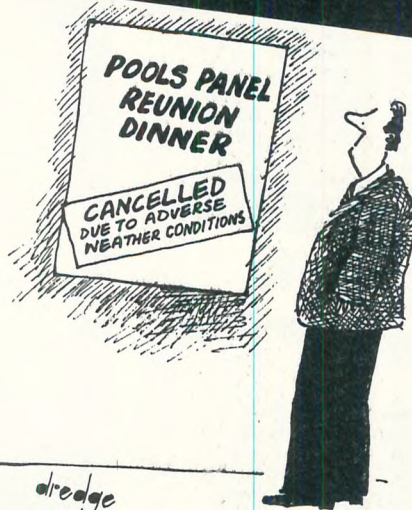
"Must be his telephone number!"



"Butch has never met Royalty before!"



"Now come along Ronnie - there must have been more to it than just putting the ball in the back of the net!"



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AUGUST

- Liverpool retain Charity Shield thanks to Terry McDermott goal against West Ham.
- Norwich's Justin Fashanu scores first hat-trick of season in League against Stoke.
- Frank McGarvey hits hat-trick as Celtic crush Hungary's Diosgyoeri 6-0 in first leg of European Cup preliminary round.

SEPTEMBER

- League Cup holders Wolves beaten in second round by Cambridge; Liverpool lose 1-0 at Bradford City but win return 4-0; Southampton crash 7-1 at Watford after 4-0 first leg victory; Stockport put out First Division Sunderland.
- European Cup holders Nottingham Forest beaten 1-0 in Sofia; Aberdeen defeat Austria Vienna 1-0 but Liverpool are held to 1-1 draw in Finland by the part-timers from Oulun.
- John Wark scores four, including a penalty hat-trick, as Ipswich slam Aris Solonika 5-1 in UEFA Cup; Wolves lose 3-1 in Eindhoven; Manchester United held at home by Widzew Lodz.
- Celtic lose in Timisoara and are eliminated on away goals rule in Cup Winners Cup, but David Cross gets a hat-trick as West Ham slam Castilla 5-1 behind closed doors at Upton Park.
- Ipswich lose 3-1 in Greece but go through in UEFA Cup; Wolves beat Eindhoven 1-0 but go out and so do Manchester United despite goalless draw in Widzew.
- England suffer World Cup blow with 2-1 defeat in Rumania, Tony Woodcock scoring; Scotland held to goalless draw by Portugal but Northern Ireland beat Sweden 3-0; Leighton James scores twice as Wales crush Turkey 4-0; Eire are held to a 1-1 draw by Belgium.
- John Bond leaves Norwich for Manchester City after sacking of Malcolm Allison to be replaced by Ken Brown; Terry Venables moves from Crystal Palace to Queen's Park Rangers.
- Terry McDermott hits Liverpool winner at Aberdeen in European Cup.
- John Wark scores twice as Ipswich beat Bohemians Prague 3-0 in UEFA Cup, but Dundee United and St Mirren are held at home by Lokeren and St Etienne respectively.
- West Ham defeat Timisoara 4-1 in Cup Winners Cup and Newport draw 0-0 in Norway against Hauger.
- Ross Jenkins gets a hat-trick as Watford slam Nottingham Forest 4-1 in League Cup.

NOVEMBER

- Malcolm Macdonald is the new manager of Fulham; Tommy Docherty accepts coaching job in Sydney; John Trollope takes over Swindon, Malcolm Allison joins Palace.
- Liverpool defeat Aberdeen 4-0 in European Cup.
- West Ham lose in Rumania but go through in Cup Winners Cup along with Newport who put six past Hauger.
- Ipswich lose 2-0 in Prague but go through 3-2 on aggregate in UEFA Cup but Dundee United and St Mirren are eliminated.
- Ian Bowyer scores both goals as Nottingham Forest defeat Valencia 2-1 in first leg of European Super Cup.
- England struggle to beat Switzerland 2-1 at Wembley in World Cup, Paul Mariner and an own goal being responsible for win; Gerry Daly scores twice as Eire crush Cyprus 6-0; David Giles is Wales' match winner against Czechoslovakia but Northern Ireland are beaten 1-0 in Portugal.
- It's an all-Dundee final in the Scottish League Cup, Dundee beating Ayr and United putting out Celtic.

TRUIMPHS and

- West Ham beaten 3-1 in Spain by Castilla in Cup Winners Cup but Charlie Nicholas scores both goals for Celtic in their 2-1 win over Timisoara.
- Paul Goddard scores twice as England Under 21s beat Norway 3-0; Wales win in Holland with goals from Ian Rush and Steve Lowndes, but Scotland lose in Sweden.
- Terry McDermott scores twice as England beat Norway 4-0 in World Cup; Gordon Strachan scores Scotland's winner in Sweden and Eire defeat Holland 2-1 with goals by Gerry Daly and Mark Lawrenson.
- Chesterfield's Arthur Cox takes over at Newcastle after sacking of Bill McGarry; Allan Clarke leaves Barnsley for Leeds and is succeeded by Norman Hunter; Bryan Hamilton and Bob Stokoe are new managers of Tranmere and Carlisle respectively.
- Queen's Park Rangers pay £425,000 for Chelsea striker Tommy Langley.

OCTOBER

- Nottingham Forest lose at home to Sofia in European Cup to go out 2-0 on aggregate; Liverpool hit Oulun for ten with Terry McDermott and Graeme Souness scoring hat-tricks; Aberdeen draw in Vienna to go through.



DESPAIR! Glenn Hoddle's face shows all his feelings after being sent off after a clash with Crystal Palace's Gerry Murphy in Spurs 3-1 League Cup Third Round replay win in September last season.

DECEMBER

- John Wark gets another hat-trick as Ipswich crush Widzew Lodz 5-0 in UEFA Cup.

- Dundee United beat Dundee 3-0 to retain Scottish League Cup, Paul Sturrock scoring twice.
- Mark Hateley scores twice as Coventry defeat Watford 5-0 in League Cup replay to reach a semi-final for the first time.
- Ipswich lose 1-0 in Poland but reach UEFA Cup quarter finals 5-1 on aggregate.
- Non-league Enfield and Maidstone defeat Hereford and Gillingham respectively in FA Cup second round.
- Nottingham Forest lose 1-0 in Valencia and the European Super Cup on away goals rule.
- Ian Greaves takes over at Oxford; Peter Anderson is new player-manager of Millwall and David Webb replaces Alec Stock at Bournemouth.

JANUARY

- Leicester win 2-1 at Liverpool to end an 85-game unbeaten run at Anfield.
- Ray Kennedy scores Liverpool's winner in League Cup semi-final first leg at Manchester City and Garry Thompson scores two late goals as Coventry pip West Ham 3-2.
- Arsenal's bid for fourth successive FA Cup Final appearance ends in third round at Everton; Exeter's Tony Kellow blasts Leicester with replay hat-trick.
- Sunderland sign Ian Bowyer from Nottingham Forest for £250,000 and Tom Richie from Bristol City for £200,000.
- Malcolm Allison leaves Crystal Palace and is replaced by Wimbledon's Dario Gradi; Tom McNearney, Fourth Division's longest serving manager, sacked by Aldershot;
- Non-League Enfield beat Port Vale to reach FA Cup fourth round.

FEBRUARY

- Kenny Dalglish boosts Scotland's World Cup hopes with only goal in Israel.
- Gary Shaw hits winner for England Under 21s in friendly win over Eire.
- Wales defeat Eire 3-1 in Dublin friendly.

DELIGHT! Tony Towner delighted Rotherham's fans last season as he tormented defenders in the Third Division and played a major part in taking the club into Division Two as champions.



TRAGEDIES

- Nottingham Forest beaten 1-0 in Tokyo by Nacional of Uruguay in World Club Championship Final.
- Jimmy Neighbour scores late goal to give West Ham 4-3 aggregate win over Coventry in League Cup semi-finals, and Liverpool draw 1-1 with Manchester City to reach Final.

MARCH

- Liverpool reach European Cup semi-finals with 6-1 aggregate win over Sofia.
- Graeme Souness scores hat-trick in 5-1 win at Anfield and David Johnson bags winner in Bulgaria.
- Ipswich reach last four in UEFA Cup after 7-2 aggregate win over St Etienne which was set up by 4-1 first leg win in France, Paul Mariner scoring twice.
- West Ham go out of Cup Winners Cup despite a Stuart Pearson winner in Russia, but Dinamo Tbilisi won the first leg 4-1 at Upton Park; Newport go out to Carl Zeiss Jena with 1-0 defeat in Wales after Tommy Tynan had scored both goals in 2-2 draw in East Germany.
- England beaten 2-1 by Spain at Wembley despite brilliant Glen Hoddle goal.

- Scotland held to 1-1 draw by Northern Ireland in World Cup, John Wark equalising Billy Hamilton goal; Eire lose 1-0 in Belgium, but Wales win in Turkey with Carl Harris goal.
- Ray Stewart grabs last minute penalty in extra time to earn West Ham a League Cup Final replay after Alan Kennedy had scored a controversial goal.

APRIL

- Liverpool win League Cup for first time with Kenny Dalglish and Alan Hansen scoring after Paul Goddard had put West Ham in front.
- Liverpool reach European Cup Final by defeating Bayern Munich on away goals rule. After goalless draw at Anfield, Ray Kennedy gets the vital goal in Germany.
- Ipswich defeat Cologne 1-0 in both legs to reach UEFA Cup Final with John Wark and Terry Butcher getting the goals.
- England held to goalless draw at Wembley by Rumania in World Cup; Northern Ireland boost chances with a Gerry Armstrong winner against Portugal; John Robertson gets two penalties as Scotland defeat Israel 3-1.
- Garth Crooks scores twice as Tottenham beat Wolves 3-0 in Highbury replay to reach FA Cup Final against Manchester City.

- Dundee United face Rangers in Scottish Cup Final following victories over Celtic and Morton respectively.
- Dave Sexton sacked as manager of Manchester United.

MAY

- Aston Villa clinch League Championship despite 2-0 defeat at Arsenal as Ipswich lose at Middlesbrough.
- John Wark equals European goalscoring record of 14 as Ipswich beat AZ Alkmaar 5-4 on aggregate in UEFA Cup Final. Wark scored 3-0 first leg win at Portman Road and again in the 4-2 defeat in Holland.
- Liverpool win the European Cup for the third time thanks to Alan Kennedy's winner against Real Madrid.
- Rangers win the Scottish Cup with 4-4-1 replay win over Dundee United following 0-0 draw.
- Ricky Villa scores twice as Tottenham defeat Manchester City 3-2 in thrilling FA Cup Final replay following a 1-1 draw.
- England beaten by Brazil in Wembley friendly, Zico getting the only goal.
- Wales and England refuse to play in Belfast in British Championship. Wales beat Scotland 2-0 with Ian Walsh getting both goals and Wales hold England to goalless draw at Wembley; Scotland defeat Ireland 2-0 in Glasgow and John Robertson hits a penalty winner as Scotland win at Wembley.



England captain

KEVIN

TEN

DIDIER SIX - FRANCE

IF THIS man plays to his true ability in Spain the football fans everywhere will remember him as the Flying Frenchman.

An out-and-out winger playing with Stuttgart in the German Bundesliga, he is the sort of player the fans take to... exciting, entertaining, but a dying breed.

Six likes to run at players and take them on. He is a bit like England's Peter Barnes, but he scores more goals.

It is one thing to get past your full-back and get the crosses in, but Six goes beyond that — right into the box where it hurts.

Although he is not strong on his right foot, it's not really a weakness. His left foot is so good it doesn't matter.

BRUNO PEZZEY - AUSTRIA Watch out for big Bruno

BIG Bruno is what we in England would call a stopper centre-half.

But like so many central defenders on the continent he has great skill as well as the more obvious defensive qualities. He is never embarrassed when in possession.

I remember him as a very difficult player to get by with the ball.

Just when you think you have 'done' him one of his long legs will stretch out and hook the ball away from you.

He is also dangerous at set pieces, using his size to good effect in the air.

If Austria are under pressure you will find Pezzey in the heart of the defensive action. If they are on the attack you will see him getting forward more and more.

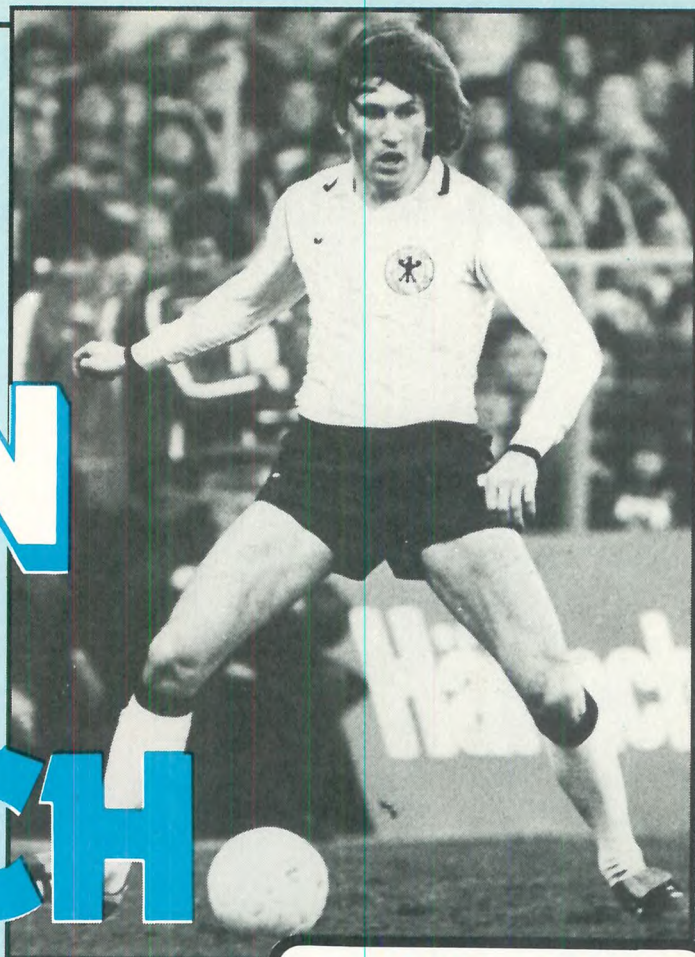
Currently with Eintracht Frankfurt in the German Bundesliga, Pezzey is a great all-rounder and that is why I think he will be one to watch in Spain.

WHO WILL be the men to emerge as the superstars of the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain?

In his nine years as an England international KEVIN KEEGAN has played against the world's top stars

And during his three successful years with German club Hamburg he had further opportunities to size up the best Europe has to offer.

Now the England captain and Match Weekly columnist names his ten to watch in Spain. Read what the world's best has to say about the world's best.



KEEGAN *names his* TO WATCH IN SPAIN

MICHEL PLATINI - FRANCE Platini's a real stylist

THE French midfielder didn't produce his best in the last World Cup.

But having played against him and seen what he can really do I think we can expect great things of him this time if France qualify.

I have picked him out because most people — including me — hope that players like him will be the stars of the '82 Finals.

Platini is a footballer in the true sense of the word, a real stylist who loves to try the unorthodox.

Coming in on the edge of the box, he is capable of working clever little 'one twos' and can find people you don't expect him to.

He is very good and 'bending' free kicks and spends a lot of time practising this particular skill.



KEEGAN'S TEN TO WATCH
IN SPAIN CONTINUES ON
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MANFRED KALZ - WEST GERMANY

*Manny's the
best I have
played with*

MANNY, as he is known to his Hamburg and West German team mates, is the best full-back I have ever played with.

In fact, to regard him only as a full-back is an injustice — because he is a defender, midfield player and forward all rolled into one.

The Germans are certainly lucky to have him in Spain. He is so strong in all aspects of the game that it is hard to know how to stop him!

Although he favours his right, he has a vicious whack in both feet.

Nightmare

When defenders try to force him on to his right he will often cut inside and shoot with his left from 20 or 30 yards out.

I saw him score three or four goals just like that when I played with him in at Hamburg.

Manny is also a great crosser of the ball. He whips in the sort of ball across the face of the goal that is a goalkeeper's nightmare.

His passing, too, is tremendous. When Franz Beckenbauer stepped down from the national side, Manny was for a time entrusted with the role of 'libero' — the sweeper who starts of many of the moves from the back.

If you don't already know Manny Kaltz — you will do after the World Cup!



ENGLAND'S

KEVIN TEN

LUIS ARCONADA - SPAIN

I ALWAYS remember the goalkeeper who are hard to beat - and here is one of the hardest.

Little Luis may not look the part when he walks out with the Spain national team onto the pitch.

He is a little on the small side and, if anything, looks frail compared to most 'keepers.

But don't let appearances fool you. I have played against him on several occasions and I cannot fault him.

That is why I have picked him as one to watch in the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain.

Spain do not have a reputation for producing world class 'keepers but here is an exception.

I would count him among my top three or four in the world.

He is certainly the best Spanish goalkeeper to have emerged in my time and with his own crowd behind him he could become one of the real personalities of the finals.

I have always found him difficult to score against. Even in one against one situations he never does what you expect him to and that is always a good quality in a keeper.

He also catches the ball well from crosses, which is unusual in foreign goalkeepers. He must be a great asset to his club, Real Sociedad San Sebastian, the current Spanish champions.



GIANCARLO ANTOIGNONI - ITALY

MIDFIELD generals are often the players that stand out in a game. Italy's gifted Antognoni is another in this mould.

To put it simply, he does things so easily while other players have to work harder to achieve less.

I have played against him many times now and have been impressed by the way he becomes so involved and yet still manages to look stylish.

He is particularly dangerous when he gets within striking distance of goal and can finish well when he needs to.

In addition, Antognoni doesn't seem to have the temperamental problems that so many of the Italians have.

He gets on with his own job, while still having a major influence on the game. You'll see what I mean in Spain.

ZICO - BRAZIL

Zico - a genius with so much skill

THIS is the man they call the 'White Pele' - and can't get a greater compliment than that!

It's a hard name to live up to but Zico showed why people make the comparison in one moment of genius when Brazil played England at Wembley last May.

Using super skills, he controlled a cross from the right to rap a great shot past Joe Corrigan to win the match with the only goal of the game.

It was a typical piece of brilliance from this elusive midfielder, but his ability to score goals is only one of the reasons I tip him as a player to watch in Spain.

What impresses me most is the way he uses the ball. He rarely gives it away and has a knack of making things happen for players around him.

And true to Brazilian tradition he is not the type of midfielder to pick the ball up from the 'keeper and work it methodically through midfield.

He gets into the box and can take the ball in dangerous positions - just as he did when he scored that goal at Wembley.

Zico always seems to find enough room to get by his marker.

And any player who hangs off him around the box does so at his own risk... he's quite likely to pop it in the net from there.



KEEGAN NAMES HIS TO WATCH IN SPAIN



KENNY DALGLISH - SCOTLAND

**Kenny...
a great
link man
and finisher**

LIVERPOOL star Kenny, the most familiar name to British fans among my ten to watch in Spain, is one of the great target men in football today and a great finisher.

But to my mind he is not an out-and-out striker and it is because of his many other qualities that I have picked him out.

Kenny will come deep to get the ball and he acts as a great link man between midfield and the other forwards. He links everything together.

Probably his greatest asset however is his ability to turn players.

I look forward to seeing him do it in Spain.



KARL HEINZ RUMMENIGGE - WEST GERMANY

IT'S frightening when you consider the talent of Europe's Footballer of the Year.

Rummenigge has so much pace and is such a good finisher he will score goals at any level anywhere in the world.

He has an unbelievable knack of being only just onside at the critical moment. He is often just half a yard onside when running on to a through ball.

It is all a question of perfect timing linked to tremendous speed.

Many a time I have seen defenders appeal vainly for offside as he dashes through. And in a one-to-one situation with the goalkeeper he is deadly.

The supplier of many of those vital passes in the Bayern Munich side is Paul Breitner. And now that Breitner is playing with him at international level as well, we may see the blond striker score even more goals.

Another good aspect of his game is his cool temperament. Because of the way he runs at defences he takes a lot of punishment, but he rarely gets rattled.

He just gets on with the job of scoring goals - something I think he will do very well in Spain.

DIEGO MARADONA - ARGENTINA

**I can't believe Pele was
better than this man!**

IT IS said that Pele was the world's greatest ever player — but I can't believe he was better than this man Maradona!

He is certainly the most exciting and accomplished player I have ever played against, although Pele was 37 on the only occasion we faced each other.

Maradona has everything. He is the only player I can say that about and really mean it.

He can shoot, dribble and control the ball in an instant

from whatever direction or height it comes to him.

And when it comes to pace he's like lightning. He seems to be going full out but then finds another gear just when he needs it.

All this — and yet for a footballer he is a freak in many ways.

He is shorter than me (I'm only 5ft 7½ins) but heavier. And his thighs look enormous.

But when you can do what he can, does it matter?



'I wanted to leave West Ham'

... But I'm glad John Bond didn't make the right offer

HAD John Bond made a bigger offer three years ago then West Ham full-back Frank Lampard might well be playing in Division Two this season with Norwich instead of joyfully returning to the top flight with his boyhood favourites.

Frank, a Hammer's player for 17 years, admits that he came close to linking up at Norwich with John Bond, one of his schoolboy idols at Upton Park.

"It was after West Ham had been relegated three years ago and I think it was a reaction from that huge disappointment that made me want to leave West Ham," says Frank who was born and bred within a few miles of the Hammers ground.

"I had talks with John Bond, but we couldn't agree terms. If he had made the right offer then I would have almost certainly signed.

"It would have been a chance for me to stay in the First Division, but on reflection I'm glad he didn't make the right offer.

"It's the only time I've been close to leaving the club that has been my life since I trained there as a 14-year-old before joining as an apprentice.

"Ironically, we achieved promotion last season while Norwich were being relegated."

Frank, who came into the West Ham team a year after England's World Cup triumph in 1966, has recently signed a new one-year contract, but he hopes to continue playing for at least another three years.

And in that time he hopes to set a new League appearance record for the club which is currently held by one of Frank's biggest influences, former England skipper Bobby Moore.

Bobby made 544 League appearances during his 16 years at West Ham while Frank started this season on the 467 mark.

"I came into the side a year after Bobby. Martin Peters and Geoff Hurst had been involved in England's World Cup triumph.

"Playing behind Bobby made life much easier for me because he was such a great player. He made things look so easy and it was not difficult to be influenced by his ability and qualities.

"I played with him for about eight years and for most of that time I roomed with him on away trips. It would be very nice to grab the record from such a great player as Bobby."

Although 32, Frank maintains a high level of fitness: "I have always been a dedicated professional and a hard trainer.

"I see no reason why I can't keep on playing for another three years.

"In that time I would hope to see West Ham consolidate themselves as a First Division side and build towards a championship push in the not too distant future."

But whatever the future holds for the popular Londoner during the next three years, he has plenty of memories to fall back on.

There's three FA Cup Final appearances, including two winners' medals, and runners-up medals from the League Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup.

And not forgetting a couple of England caps for good measure, achieved eight years apart.



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WEEKLY



KENNY SANSOM *Arsenal* **GARY SHAW** *Villa*

VILLA'S PAIN

MATCH WINNER.....
RICKY VILLA (SPURS)
V MAN. CITY, FA CUP
FINAL REPLAY,
WEMBLEY, MAY 14, 1981.

RICKY VILLA'S sensational replay winner wiped away the despair of a Wembley nightmare.

Just five days earlier in the first match against Manchester City the Argentinian ace looked a lonely figure as he trudged towards the Wembley dressing rooms after being substituted.

But all was forgotten in the 77th minute of the replay when he danced through the Manchester City defence and scored one of the most spectacular Wembley winners ever seen.

Ricky, who hit two goals in Spurs thrilling 3-2 victory, admitted: "I was lucky with the winner.

"It's very difficult to pass people in the penalty area but a gap opened up and things went right for me.

"I tried to go inside Tommy Caton but he closed me down and forced me wide. Then a gap appeared between him and Ray Ranson.

"I headed through the gap towards goal and waited until their keeper Joe Corrigan had advanced before I slotted it past him into the net," added Ricky.

"It was a tremendous feeling when the ball hit the back of the net — it made up for the pain of being substituted the game before."

Ricky Villa — his FA Cup winner for Spurs was one of the most spectacular for years.



FRAME 1 . . . Ricky starts his Wembley wizardry as he takes on Tommy Caton and Ray Ranson (2).

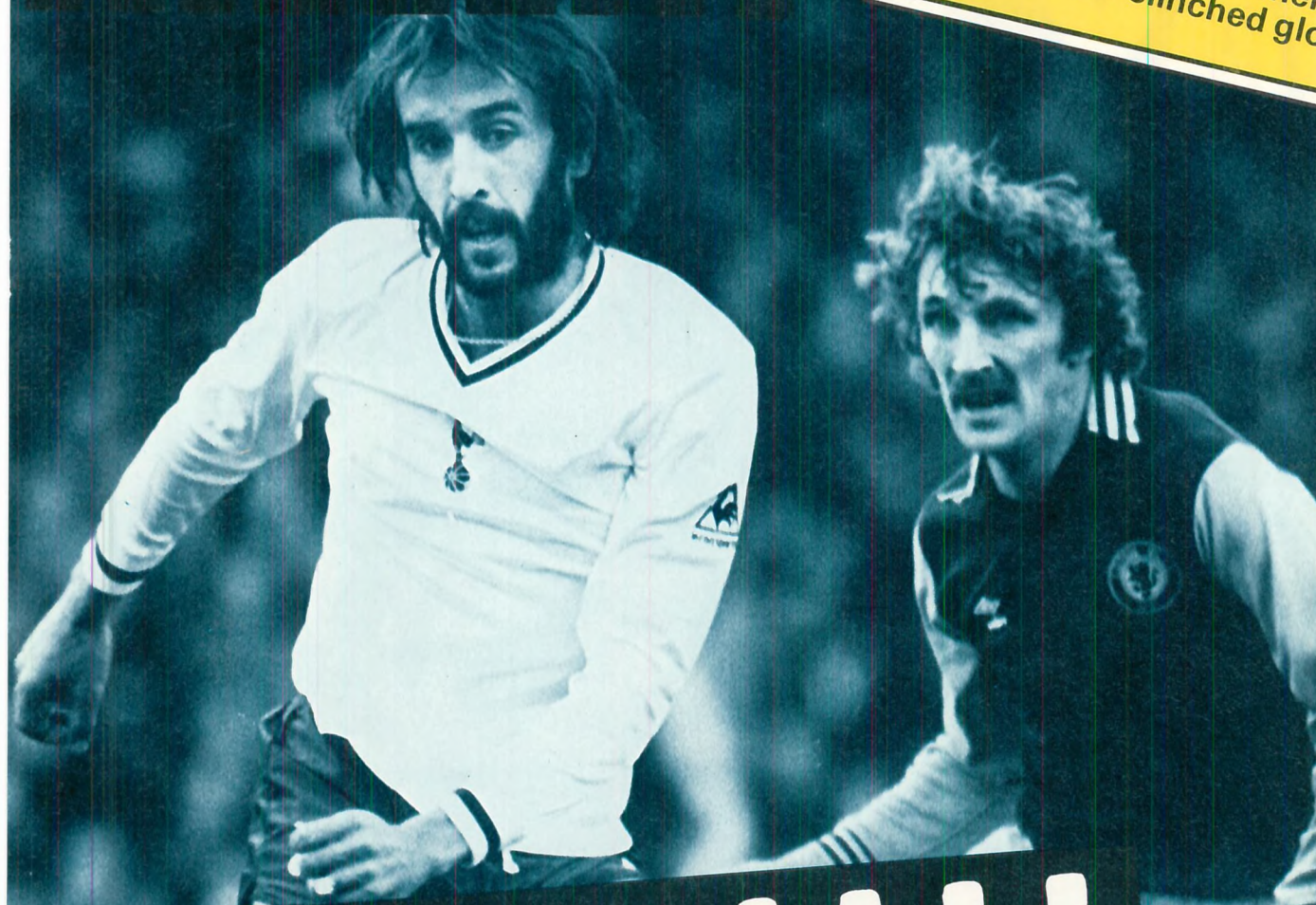
FRAME 2 . . . The tricky Argentinian cuts inside Ranson and Caton.

FRAME 3 . . . Goalward bound — Rick heads for goal and beats City defender Caton for the second time.

KILLER

THE MATCH WINNERS "2"

Men whose moment of magic clinched glory



FRAME 4 . . . City keeper Joe Corrigan comes out but the Spurs midfield star has already slotted the ball past him.

FRAME 5 . . . City players can only look in despair while Glenn Hoddle races in to congratulate his team-mate on bringing the Cup back to Spurs.

LEAD THE WAY, ROB!

Last thing I expected to hear, says Sunderland's youngest skipper

ROB Hindmarch had only just regained his place in the Sunderland side. So his instructions as he left the dressing-room for the tough away game at Nottingham Forest came like a bolt out of the blue.

With the words: "Rob, skipper the side today", manager Ken Knighton had made his central defender the youngest skipper in the First Division.

"It was the last thing I expected to hear," Rob told Match Weekly.

"I was pleased just to be in the side, let alone leading it out.

"Looking back, the decision to make me skipper against Forest did put more pressure on me. But after that game I was O.K."

At just 19 years-of-age Rob's task was an awesome one... skipping the First Division newcomers with so many older, and more

experienced, players in the line-up. In addition, he was also the youngest captain in the history of Sunderland F.C.

But it wasn't a totally foreign role. He explained: "I'd skippered the reserves and, before that, the youths so I knew what the job was all about.

'I've always been a natural shouter on the field even though I'm a bit quiet off it.'

"I suppose it was strange having to gee up teammates who were a bit older than me, but I must say I enjoyed the experience.

"And I believe it made me a better player. I was more aware of my responsibilities and as the captain you are even more determined to do well because everybody is looking to you to take the lead.

"The other lads in the side helped a lot and I never really had to sort them out. Players know that you can't afford to slack or mess about in the First Division.

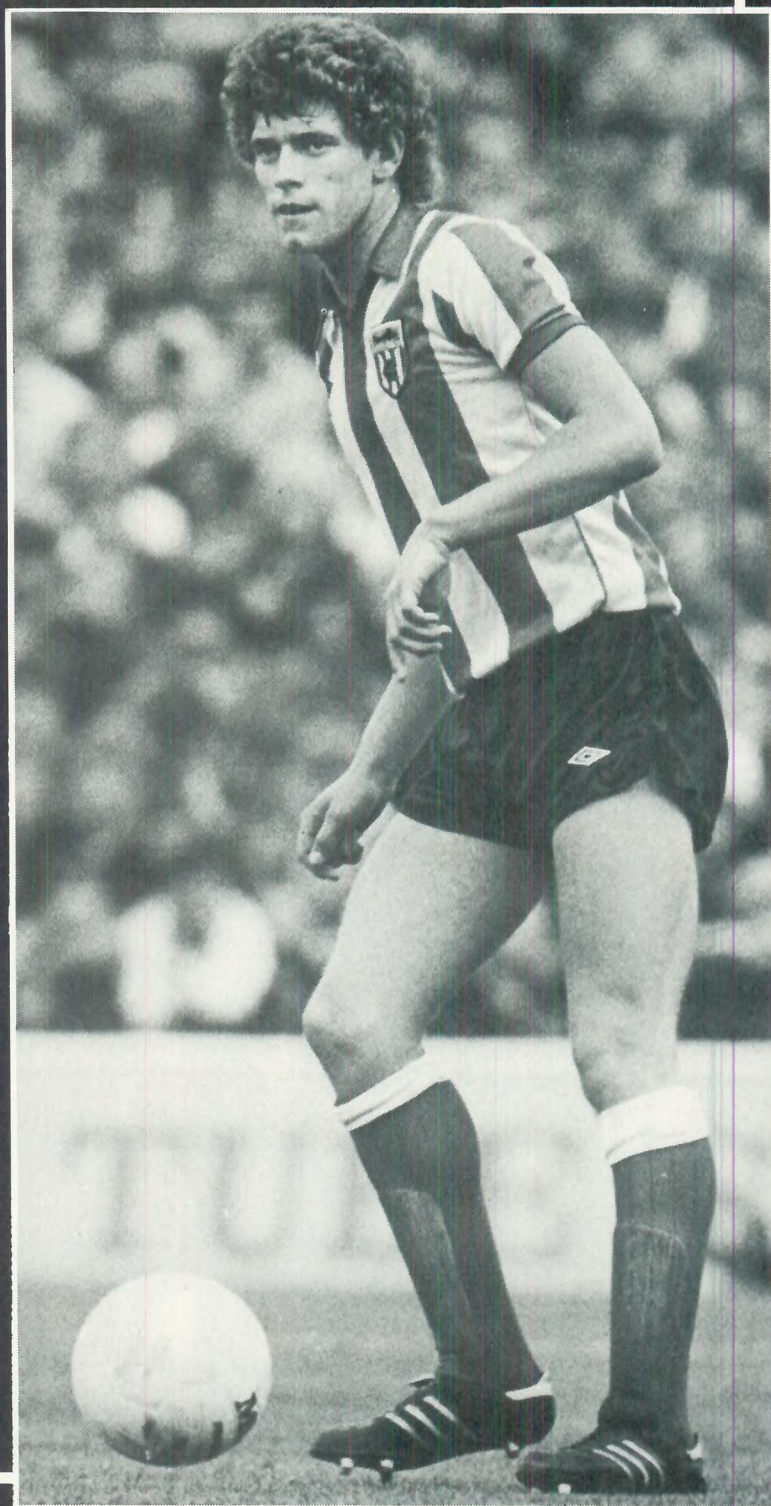
"The only time when the captaincy proved a problem was off the field. The skipper gets a lot of requests for personal appearances, autographs and donations for charity. It all takes up a lot of time.

"Generally though, I enjoyed the job and I was disappointed when the new manager Alan Durban appointed Jeff Clarke in my place.

"But Jeff has been around longer than me and knows what the game is all about and I'm happy to play under him."

Right: Rob Hindmarch — the youngest player to skipper Sunderland.

Left: Jeff Clarke — the new Roker Park captain.



TEMPTED

...but I was right to stay at Ipswich
by FRANS THIJSSEN



Frans Thijssen: "Milan dragged the whole episode out too long and I finally told Bobby Robson: Give me the pen — I can't wait around any longer."

Right: Spurs' Ossie Ardiles. "He saw his dream come true last season when he collected an FA Cup winners medal and there's no reason why I shouldn't follow him," says Frans.

THE Ipswich fans who chanted my name as we paraded the UEFA Cup at the end of last season must have noticed the lump in my throat as I tried to answer their cheers.

It wasn't just a case of emotions running wild at the finish of a campaign that had spelt so much joy and heartbreak at Portman Road.

I was also feeling choked because I knew I was faced with a decision that could have forced me to bid farewell to those same marvellous supporters who were singing my praises.

My contract with Ipswich was up and I was a free man. And although I couldn't wish to play for a better club I was tempted by the fat wage packets abroad.

A couple of Italian clubs expressed an interest and I had talks with AC Milan.

They were offering good money and at 29 I had to think about my own future. And not only my future — but that of my wife and children. A player can't go on for ever.

In the end my decision was forced on me because Milan couldn't make up their minds.

They dragged the whole episode out too long and finally I told Bobby Robson: 'Give me the pen, I can't wait any longer'.

A couple of sides in Holland also tried to sign me. But although it's my homeland they never really had a chance because their wages can't compete with those over here.

As soon as I signed on for another two years I



knew it was the right decision. My children are settled in their schools and there's no limit to what this Ipswich side can achieve.

We've got good, young players and we can only get better. The next two years should be very exciting.

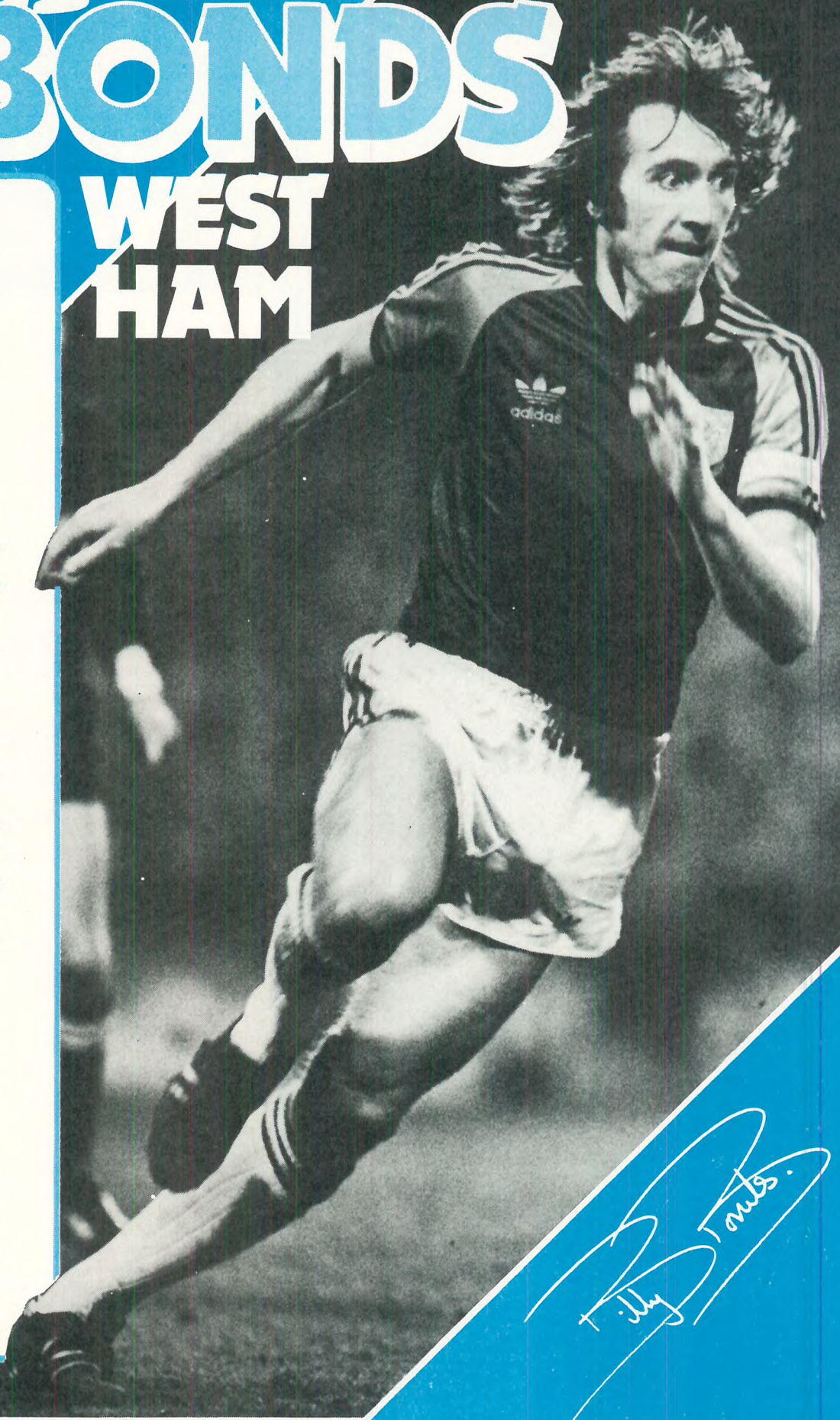
And, don't forget, my dream of playing at Wembley in an FA Cup Final is still alive. Going so close last time was a bitter blow — I'd have preferred to have gone out in the first round.

Ossie Ardiles saw his dream come true last season and there's no reason why I shouldn't follow him!

BILLY BONDS

WEST HAM

FULL NAME: William Arthur Bonds.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Woolwich September 17, 1946.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft/13st 13lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Marilyn.
CHILDREN: Claire (6), Katie (2).
CAR: Cortina.
PREVIOUS CLUB: Charlton.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Fitter and turner in a factory.
CLUB NICKNAME: Bonzo'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Groin injury about six years ago.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: No-one springs to mind but I was always an admirer of the great Bobby Charlton.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Pele (Brazil) — he was just tremendous.
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Liverpool over the past 10 years.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford and Anfield.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Feyenoord, Holland.
BEST GOAL SCORED: No-one will remember it, but it was against Manchester United about seven years ago and it helped keep us in the First Division. It was a shot from the edge of the box.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: So many from Pop Robson when he played for West Ham.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: I treat them all with the same respect.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Football League Cup semi-final replay at Old Trafford in 1971/72 season when we lost 2-1 to Everton.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT: Beating Arsenal in the FA Cup Final of 1980.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being relegated with West Ham in 1978.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: I like most sports.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: A day out with my wife and children.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Not getting enough time to have a day out with my wife and children!
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: I like wildlife programmes and documentaries.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: 'This is your Life'.
FAVOURITE FOOD: I like most food — especially steak and chips.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Bermuda.
FAVOURITE ACTOR: Steve McQueen.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Apocalypse Now.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My Dad, Arthur.
WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Injuries.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Beans on toast.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Two Under-23 England caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To stay happy and keep healthy.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To keep playing football.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: To go into coaching.
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: There are many at West Ham I rate highly — not least Alan Devonshire, Alvin Martin, Paul Allen and Paul Goddard.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work hard at every aspect of your game.



Billy Bonds

In solitary but ALAN'S A GEM

IT'S Friday morning at Firhill Park in the Maryhill district of Glasgow, home of Partick Thistle Football Club.

In the main hallway tradesmen's hammers almost drown the noise of Radio 1, the smell of polish hangs heavy in the air and at 10am the club's full-time playing staff arrives... alone.

For Alan Rough, Scotland's international goalkeeper since 1976, is the solitary full-timer, the gleaming gem in the little club's crown.

Voted Player of the Year by the Scottish football writers last season and the country's most capped goalkeeper, Alan enjoys — and deserves — preferential treatment.

There is an almost eerie silence around the Firhill pitch as Alan

'My caps for Scotland are my treasures'

settles down to training in 'solitary confinement' three mornings a week. The part-time members of the 28-strong staff don't arrive until evening... three times a week as well.

Alan is the only member of Jock Stein's Scottish squad playing for a part-time club and one of his great pleasures is the realisation that he has beaten the odds in winning over 40 caps with an unfashionable little-rated side.

"Certainly there were times when I was curious to know what it would be like playing in England," says the 6ft 1in keeper. "But I settled for security for my wife Michelle and son Alan, instead of a move elsewhere."

The affable big Glaswegian (29) adds: "About three years ago the rumours were rife that I was on the move to an English club. I seemed to be the only one who knew nothing about those stories and it was a very disturbing, unsettling period."

"However, Thistle offered me a three year contract and a



testimonial which will hopefully come off next May... so I'm happy with life. I suppose I feel a slight pang of regret that a contemporary of mine, Ray Clemence, has won about every possible medal, but fortunately I'm not the jealous type.

"I just say 'good luck' to anyone who can win something at the end of the day. My caps for Scotland are my personal treasures."

Alan has been a loyal servant to Partick Thistle. Signed for Thistle Boys Club while still at Knightswood School in the city, he graduated to Thistle's other nursery club, Sighthill Amateurs, before making his senior debut against Morton as a 17-year-old in 1968.

"I became a goalie at the age of about six or seven," recalls Alan. "For the usual reasons, I was hopeless in the outfield, so I was forced to be a keeper."

"I found it an instinctive business originally, but I've come more and more to realise what an elaborate trade it is. Coaches are only just catching

on that it is a specialised field, which demands different training methods.

"I used to train with the rest of the lads, do the same exercises, but now I usually work alone with the help of the coach or manager."

Alan made his debut for Scotland against Switzerland at Hampden Park on April 7, 1976 (Scotland won 1-0) and in the hatful of caps which followed he has many allies and a few detractors — particularly south of the border.

However he showed his sense of humour in the face of criticism when called upon to make an acceptance speech at the "Player of the Year" dinner.

Referring to the BBC's Bob Wilson, himself a former Scottish international goalkeeper and one of Rough's severest critics, Alan said: "I'd like to thank several people. First of all Bob Wilson for giving me encouragement when I needed it most — after all someone with two caps ought to know what he's talking about!"



Alan Rough in action for Partick Thistle. "For usual reasons as a youngster I was hopeless in the outfield, so I was forced to be a keeper," he says.

The World Cup has played a vital part in his career to date. Alan believes that his greatest — and worst — moments have all happened in the most important tournament of them all.

"If I was to pick one particular save it must be the one I made from John Toshack of Wales in November 1977. Our 2-0 win at neutral Anfield got us to Argentina, but at the time it was 0-0 and I can only remember thinking he's going to chip me and stretching to touch Toshack's shot onto the top of the bar and over for a corner."

"Taking an entire game into consideration I would pick out the game against Israel in Tel Aviv in February. We won 1-0 but I had to make a number of vital stops that day."

If Alan had the chance to wipe the slate clean with any match or series of matches, it would be Scotland's disastrous World Cup venture to Argentina. "If ever there was a case of a goalkeeper looking for a hole to bury himself in, that was it," says Alan with a grimace.



MATCH takes you behind the scenes and gives you an insight into 'The Other World' of Middlesbrough and Northern Ireland 'keeper Jim Platt and Wolves midfield star Kenny Hibbitt.

Platt the batsman — Jim shows off a cricket bat autographed by the Yorkshire team which helped raise money for his testimonial in 1980.

Right: Jim with the family labrador Sooty.



Cap that! Northern Ireland international Jim shows off his caps — and he'd have won more if it wasn't for a certain 'keeper called Pat Jennings.

JIM PLATT

MIDDLESBOROUGH and N. IRELAND

THE OTHER WORLD OF...



Magic moment. Kenny celebrates at Wembley with Willie Carr (left) and Mel Eves after winning the 1980 League Cup Final.

Above: Trappings of a successful career. Kenny and his wife Jane pose outside their attractive Midlands home.

Between the posts for Middlesbrough — Jim in his normal Saturday attire.

Jim Platt as the Middlesbrough fans have never seen him before — with his wife Sharon and three-year-old son Aaron.

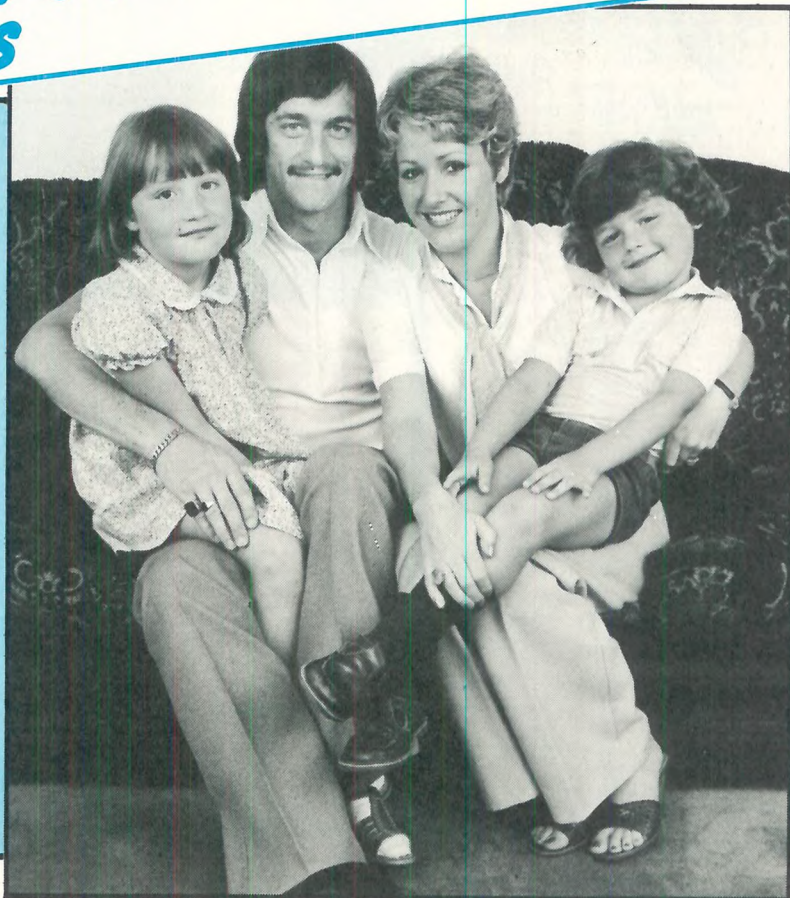


KENNY HIBBITT

WOLVES

Right: One for the family album — Kenny with his wife Jane and children Kelly (left) and Roderick.

Prized possessions . . . Kenny is seen with one of his League Cup winners tankards, an England Under-23 cap and the Midland Professional Footballer's Golf Championship salver.



RAW TALENT

Hot-shot McCoist admits he has a lot to learn

SCOTTISH striker Ally McCoist turned down Glasgow giants Rangers for the second time in his short career to join Alan Durban's young Sunderland side.

The £400,000 teenager, who signed from St Johnstone at the beginning of the season, also refused offers from Wolves and Middlesbrough to go to Roker Park.

The youngster snubbed Scottish Premier Division Rangers first when he chose St Johnstone as a schoolboy.

"When I left school Rangers were interested in me as well as St Johnstone but I chose the smaller club because I thought I'd get my first team chance quicker.

"It was one of the most difficult decisions of my life but looking back I'm convinced I made the right one."

The youngster was right because he made his debut back in the 1978-79 season as a 16-year-old in St Johnstone's 3-0 home win over Raith.

And he burst onto the Scottish scene last term when he hit 23 goals for his club and seven in 10 appearances for Scotland youth.

Those goalscoring statistics had clubs queueing for his signature in the close season.

But Ally found the young team Alan Durban is building in the North East an irresistible challenge.

"There's the potential of a very good side and I believe that in a couple of years Sunderland will go places."

"They've got a fantastic crowd and I'm delighted by the way they've taken to me," said Ally.

He made his debut at the start of the season in Sunderland's thrilling 3-3 opening day draw at Ipswich.

Although he came on as substitute Ally quickly impressed with his class and laid on his team's third goal with a cheeky backheel pass to Mike Buckley.

The youngster is quite prepared to be eased gently into the First Division cauldron by Alan Durban.

He explained: "I'm still very raw and have a lot to learn- it's no good rushing things."

And in his short spell in the top flight the youngster realises he's got to get used to the pace of the game.

"That's the first big difference I noticed. The game is so much quicker down here- you don't get much chance to dwell on the ball."

Ally started his St Johnstone career as a midfielder player and it was current manager Alec Rennie who spotted his striking potential.



COVENTRY'S STEVE HUNT WITH A MESSAGE
FOR THE CLUB'S YOUNGSTERS

TIME TO GROW UP



"IT'S TIME for the Coventry youngsters to grow up," says their former New York Cosmos star Steve Hunt.

Steve, who feels a veteran at 25 in Coventry's bold reliance on youth, believes the time has come for the youngsters to stand up and be counted.

"In many respects the club's gamble on youth has been repaid because they are still in the First Division," says midfield player Steve.

"But the experiences the youngsters have gained over the past two seasons should now begin to be reflected in more consistent League performances.

"Probably the club is still a little short on experience to emerge as a major force at the moment, but the youngsters should now be ready to start making a name for themselves."

After losing to West Ham in the semi-finals of the League Cup last season, Coventry's form nosedived and they had to fight off the threat of relegation.

"It was an achievement for the youngsters to reach the semi-final for the first time in the club's history. With a little more experience at West Ham in the second leg, we might well have made it to Wembley," recalls Steve.

"But it's in the League where the club ought to be making strides and it's up to both the experienced players and the youngsters to find that consistency.

"From my own point of view I found more consistency last season. Instead of four good games and two bad ones I retained a reasonable level of form.

"Playing with a lot of youngsters often helps your own game because their enthusiasm rubs off on you."

Steve, who won two North American Soccer League championship medals with New York before returning to his native Midlands two seasons ago, was reluctant to pick out 'Sky Blues' youngsters who might capture the headlines this year.

"I'm hoping all of them will get



Paul Dyson - solid defender

Left: Steve Hunt: "Coventry's youngsters should now be ready to make a name for themselves."

into the limelight, but striker Garry Thompson is always likely to get the headlines with goals, while Paul Dyson has emerged as a solid defender.

"But all in all the potential at Coventry has been shown to a certain extent and now it's up to us to build on the success achieved so far."

EVERY player dreams of getting off to a flying start at the beginning of a new season....but this may not be quite what they had in mind.

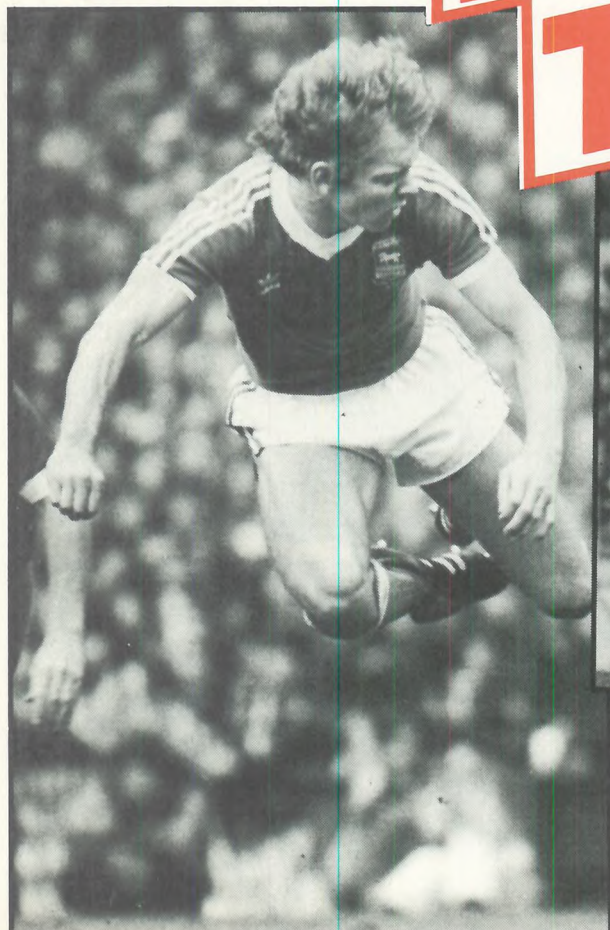


FLIER! Manchester City skipper Paul Power (above) soars through the air and over Liverpool keeper Ray Clemence during their clash in the semi-finals of last season's League Cup.



FLIER! Spanish goalkeeper Luis Arconada hurtles through the air clutching the ball to fox England striker Tony Woodcock during their friendly international meeting at Wembley this year.

FLYING TONIGHT!



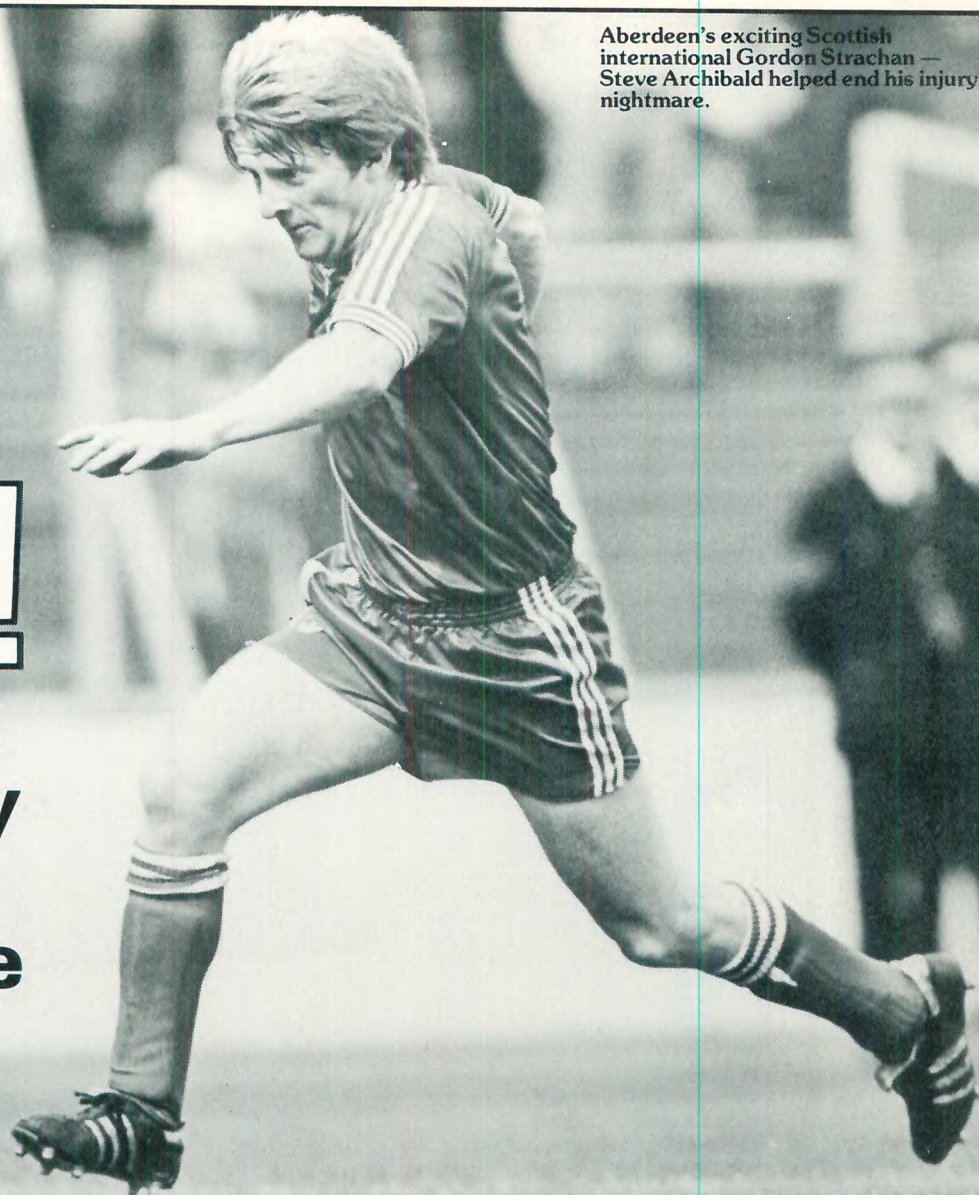
FLIER! Little Paul Allen of West Ham is airborne following that infamous tackle by Arsenal's big defender Willie Young during the 1980 FA Cup Final which the 'Hammers' went on to win 1-0.

FLIER! "Now how did I get in this position when the ball's over there." Ipswich Town's Steve McCall (left) looks set to return to earth with a bump against Liverpool last season.

MY PAL, STEVE!

**Archibald
solved my
injury
nightmare**

Aberdeen's exciting Scottish international Gordon Strachan — Steve Archibald helped end his injury nightmare.



GORDON Strachan, Aberdeen's little bundle of midfield energy, was on the brink of nailing down a regular place in Jock Stein's Scotland squad.

He had burst upon the international scene a few months earlier with the impact of a balloon colliding with a pin. English scouts were weaving a hasty trail towards Britain's most northerly league club with cheque books poised.

Then it happened - every footballer's nightmare. The 24 year old 5ft 6in dynamo succumbed to a nasty injury which forced him out of football and into the operating theatre. From December 30 last year until the start of the 1981-82 season Strachan didn't kick at ball.

Now, of course, it's all in the past as Strachan attempts to achieve a life's ambition and travel with Scotland to Spain and the World Cup finals. But the memory of a painful six months is still vivid in Gordon's memory.

"It was the most frustrating six months of my entire career," says the man who scored Scotland's first goal in their World Cup qualifying campaign against Sweden in Stockholm.

"It all started so innocuously. I had a slight stomach strain just before the busy Christmas spell and manager Alex Ferguson and I felt I should have a few weeks rest and let it clear up.

"However before I got the chance everything came to a head against Dundee United at Pittodrie just a couple of days before New Year. I left the pitch that night with a ruptured stomach muscle. . . never dreaming that I would not touch a football again for the rest of the season."

Plenty of rest and easy living appeared the obvious cure but three months passed, and Aberdeen's title challenge evaporated in front of a very depressed spectator - Gordon Strachan.

By February Celtic had cut down Aberdeen's early lead in their defence of the Premier League and nothing was going

right for the midfield maestro.

"Then I got the break which fixed everything. . . fortunately, or else I might still be trying to get rid of that stupid injury yet" says the former Dundee player, who joined Aberdeen in 1977.

"The boss was out in Tel Aviv to watch Scotland's game against Israel and my old Aberdeen teammate Steve Archibald told him of a Harley Street surgeon who had cured a similar injury for a Spurs player.

"I was game for anything. The pain was pretty bad, I couldn't do anything about the house - even lifting a kettle hurt. Aberdeen kindly paid my expenses to go to London. Sure enough the surgeon diagnosed a ruptured stomach muscle. . . and a hernia and blocked tube as well!

"He operated and I was back jogging just two months afterwards. It goes to show how much I owe to my old pal Steve. I'm glad he joined Spurs after all.

"Being absent from Scotland's World Cup plans certainly annoyed me, but

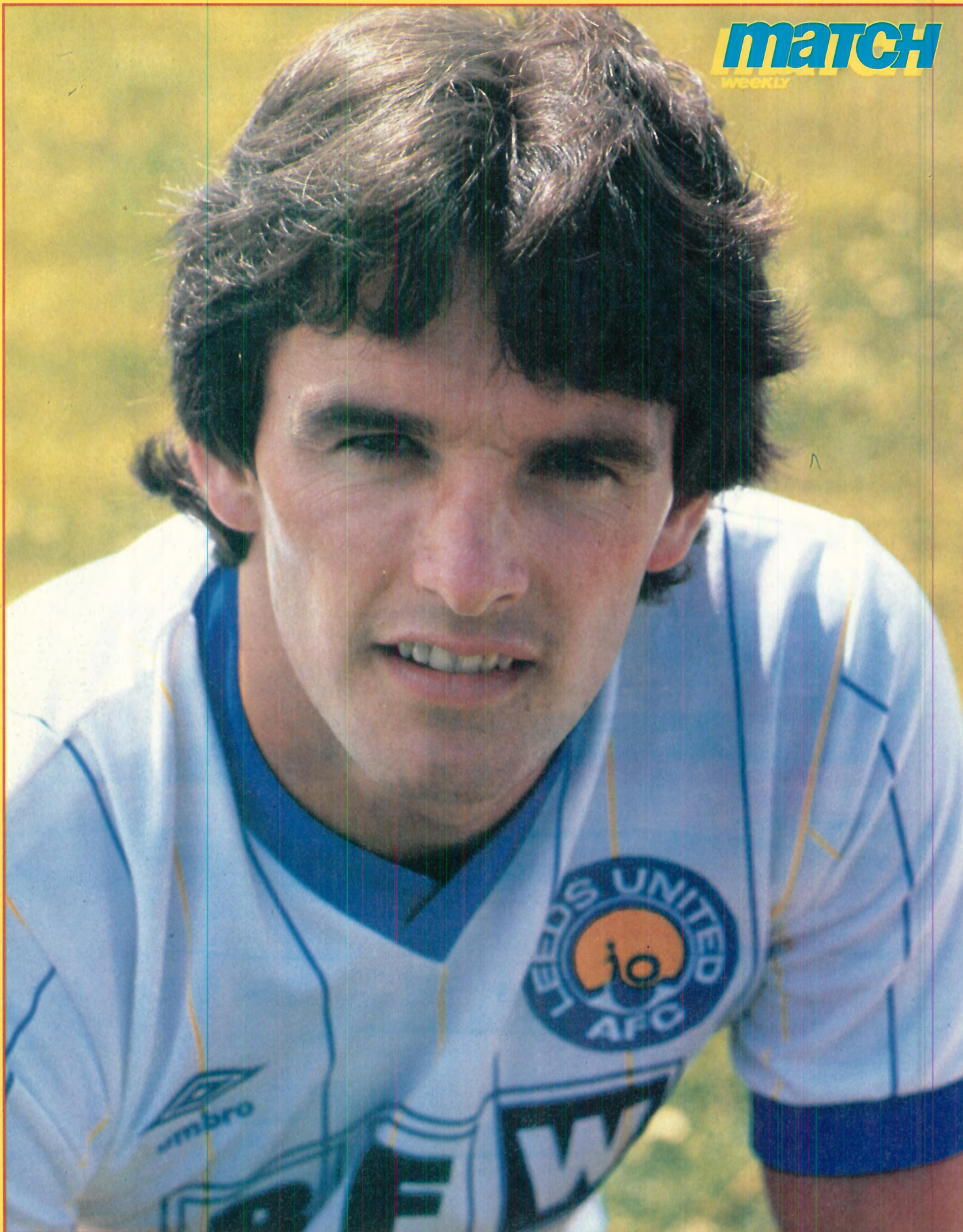
never quite as much as the day Scotland beat England at Wembley. It spurred me on to get fit and I spent the summer doing long distance running."

After that it was not long before Gordon was back in the thick of things at Pittodrie and he made his competitive return seven months after going off injured. That was against West Ham and Southampton, when Aberdeen won their own prestigious pre-season tournament.

But does Strachan feel tinges of regret not being on the other side of the fence. . . in other words with a big English club like Archibald who has made a huge impact on the London scene with Tottenham.

"Not at all, he say." Loyalty is something which is in short supply in football these days. Aberdeen showed faith in me - injury and all - by offering a long term contract and I was perfectly happy to take the money.

"I won't be the one to break my three year contract. That's not to say Aberdeen won't get fed up with me first. . . you never can tell."



FRANK GRAY LEEDS and SCOTLAND

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CRAGGS**
Middlesbrough

SOCCER-WORD

THIS IS THE BIG ONE!
Match Special's David Peck has compiled this giant crossword for YOU to test your soccer knowledge. So get going . . .

ACROSS

1. Denis Law had two spells with this club (10, 4).
13. Billy . . . famous old Derby, Dundee and Scotland inside-forward (5).
14. The club at Boundary Park (6, 8).
17. Leicester's regular keeper after Shilton (10).
18. The ball is full of it! (3).
19. Some of the woodwork (3).
22. Famous Wearside club (10).
27. Club re-elected for this season (8, 6).
29. Liverpool and Wales forward in a hurry? (4).
31. You'll find live commentaries here (5).
32. Irish League club (4).
33. Plymouth's pitch is . . . Park (4).
- 36 & 38 down. All players want to play in this! (5, 4).
40. Montrose play at . . . Park (5).
42. He followed Jimmy Adamson and Billy Elliott as the manager of 22 across (3, 8).
45. Leading (5).
47. Liverpool's nickname . . . (3, 4).
48. . . . and one of their newer local discoveries (5, 3).
49. Champions of Division Three in 1981 (9).
- 50 & 43 down. He made the first of his 72 England appearances in 1965 (4, 4).
51. Scores (4).
53. Gerd . . . former West Germany scoring ace (6).
56. "The Spireites" (12).
58. "The Minster Men" (4).
61. He has been quite a while with WBA. (4).
62. Club from The Valley (8).
63. Important behind-the-scenes club man (6).
64. See 11 down.
65. Barcelona's ground is . . . Camp (3).
66. See 105 across.
68. . . . Mas, former River Plate, Real Madrid and Argentina star (5).



● *This player has played at full-back for Wolves for the last few seasons. Name him and you've got the answers to clues 21 and 136 across.*



● *If you know which country Hans Krankl plays for, you've got the answer to clue 74 across.*

69. "Up for the . . . !" (3).
70. Hull City are "The . . . " (6).
72. Probably the most famous player ever (4).
74. Hans Krankl plays for this country (7).
75. Champions of Division One in 1981 (5, 5).
- 78 & 54 down. The team from Tannadice Park (6, 6).
79. Burnley's base is . . . Moor (4).
80. "The Bees" (9).
83. Arsenal, Cambridge and WBA back (7, 6).
87. . . . Roberts of Oxford, Hull, Cardiff and Wales (4).
89. Jacksonville Tea Men (recently managed by 137 across), used to be called . . . England Tea Men (3).
90. Ardiles or Osgood (5).
92. One of Glasgow's clubs (5).
93. Footballer of the Year in 1954 and 1957 (3, 6).
96. First name of manager Callaghan (4).
97. The 'v' in England v Scotland (6).
100. . . . Bay Rowdies (5).
103. Foul another player (4).
104. It's easily twisted on heavy grounds (5).
- 105 & 66 across. Former Wolves striker who switched from soccer to religion (5, 7).
- 108 & 86 down. Score of the 1978 World Cup Final (5-3).
109. In a legal scoring position (6).
110. . . . Lloyd began his career with 112 across (5).
111. No club wants to suffer this fate (10).
112. "The Pirates" (7, 6).
117. NASL side which has been managed by Don Megson and Vic Crowe (8, 7).
122. It sounds as if this old Middlesbrough winger had time off to play for England! (8).
- 123 & 129 down. Mansfield's ground (5, 4).
125. See 130 across.
127. Portsmouth play in it (4).
128. Jopling or Jordan (3).
- 130 & 125 across. "Robin Ayre (anagram) — a full-back for Notts County and Eire (3, 6).
131. Northampton's home is the . . . Ground (6).
132. Half-time refresher (3).
133. It admits you to the ground (9).
134. Where West Germany won the European Championship in 1980 (4).
135. The home of 35 down is . . . Hall (5).
136. See 21 down.
137. Irishman who has managed Coventry City and Peterborough (4, 8).
138. The first name of manager MacLeod (4).

DOWN

1. Old Manchester United and England goalkeeper from somewhere (3).
2. "He's all around" (anagram) — and he joined Newcastle from Blyth Spartans (4, 8).
- 3 & 115 down. South African who made over 300 appearances for Ipswich (5, 7).
4. . . . Moss is the record scorer for 56 across (5).
5. The Dutch national side are said to play " . . . football" (5).
6. The first name of manager Saunders (3).
7. Country which drew with Scotland in the 1978 World Cup Finals (4).
8. Captain of Wales in recent years (6).
9. An international player's match souvenir (3).
10. Fashions for Archie? (6).
- 11 & 64 across. Club from Cliftonhill Park (6, 6).
12. An England regular since 1977 (5, 7).
13. A number twelve (3).
15. Terry . . . joined Bradford City (for the second time) from Huddersfield Town (5).
16. "The Seals" (7).
20. See 39 down.
- 21 & 136 across. Wolves full-back for the last few seasons. (5, 6).
23. The first name of Irish international Spence (5).



● *This South African born midfielder made over 300 appearances for Ipswich. If you know who he is you've got the answers to clues 3 down and 115 down.*

24. . . . Jenkins has scored a ton for Watford (4).
25. Jeff . . . old WBA and England striker (5).
26. "Drill Ken" (anagram) — to find Kevin's surname (8).
28. First Division club (8, 3, 4, 6).
30. Players in Spain and Greece have staged one! (6).
34. Notts County wear black ones (6).
35. Champions of Division Four in 1981 (8, 6).
37. He followed Alan Durban as manager of Shrewsbury and Stoke (6, 6).
38. See 36 across.
- 39 & 20 down. The ground of Crewe Alexandra (6, 4).
41. David . . . of Leicester, derby, Tulsa, Seattle and England (4).
43. See 50 across.
44. Keeper in 400-odd matches to date, mainly for Crewe, Swansea and Plymouth (5, 11).
46. The nickname of Aberdeen (4).
52. First Division club (11).

54. See 78 across.
55. "The Peacocks" (5, 6).
57. "I'll nod" (anagram) — to find Kevin's surname (6).
59. George . . . has managed Lincoln and Grimsby (4).
60. The most important defender! (6).
67. Hillsborough is their home (9, 9).
69. . . . Jones, famous old Spurs and Wales winger (5).
71. Former Manchester United and England keeper (7).
72. . . . Partridge, famous referee (3).
73. . . . Mulligan has over 50 Eire caps (5).
76. Defender when England won the World Cup (5, 6).
77. "City . . . 2-1 at half-time" (3).
81. Derogatory chant aimed at poor opponents (4).
82. Francis's first name (6).
84. A player may end up with a black one after a clash of heads (3).
85. They're seen on shirts and shorts (7).
86. See 108 across.
88. The side from Somerset Park (3).
91. They won the FA Cup in 1971 (7).
94. A match between two countries (13).
95. He became manager of 91 down in 1976 (5).
96. A keen supporter (3).
98. He joined Chelsea from Partizan Belgrade (5, 6).
99. Archibald's first name (5).
101. Tony Hateley's son (4).
102. Bristol City's record-holder for goals and appearances (5).
104. Manager who joined 62 across from 28 down in 1981 (4, 7).
106. They're tossed for (4).
107. . . . Zoff, famous goalkeeper for Italy (4).
113. The prickly part of Partick (7).
114. Former Manchester United and England keeper (3, 4).
115. See 3 down.
116. The chap in charge (7).
118. Where you'd have to go to sit in the famous and enormous Maracana Stadium (3).
119. Masson or McAllister (3).
120. "The Toffeemen" (7).
121. One of Glasgow's clubs (6).
124. Having ended all-square (5).
126. Alex . . . has scored many goals for Preston (5).
129. See 123 across.



● *This Coventry player has a famous father, but do you know his christian name? See clue 101 down.*

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THE BIG PUZZLE

IT'S BIG . . . and designed to test your soccer knowledge to the limit. You'll find the answers on page 126 - but no cheating!

MATCH columnist Steve Coppel takes you back to some of the most memorable moments of his star-studded career. . . . his debut days. The Manchester United and England winger relives the glory of his first games for Tranmere, United and his country.



Former Manchester United striker Stuart Pearson — I had to borrow his boots to make my debut.

MY DEBUT

A BAGGAGE handler at Guernsey Airport was the first to break the news of my call up to the England squad.

I was travelling to the Channel Islands for a Manchester United Supporters Club function when the workman told me of my big break.

I didn't know what he was going on about at first when he kept congratulating me and saying 'well done'.

**You're in
the squad
said the
baggage
handler**

MY FIRST FOR UNITED...IN BORROWED BOOTS!

STUART Pearson lent me a pair of his football boots so that I could make my debut for Manchester United!

When I was due to play my first game for the 'Mighty Reds' my boots were on their way to Aldershot with the Tranmere team!

My £40,000 move from the Third Division club to Second Division leaders United

MANCHESTER UNITED

happened so quickly that I didn't get time to pick up my kit from the ground.

So, when to my surprise manager Tommy Docherty told me he was making me sub for the Cardiff game I had to confess I hadn't got my boots.

Fortunately the England striker wore the same size-or roughly- and I was able to slip into his spare pair.

My debut was quite an occasion because when I came on with 20 minutes of the second half gone United were drawing 0-0...but we went on to win 4-0.

The first goal from Stewart Houston flew into the net just as I was walking onto the pitch!

The second was a real confidence booster for me because Stuart Pearson (that man again!) headed home one of my crosses.

Sammy McIlroy and Lou Macari finished off the day for us in the season we stormed away with the Division Two championship.

A move from Tranmere that season looked imminent because I started the season in great form and scored plenty of goals.

But one manager who never saw me play for Tranmere was

the man who actually signed me- Tommy Docherty.

Just a couple of hours after signing for United he asked me to play in a practice match at United's Cliffe training ground for the reserves against the first team.

I wasn't too keen because all the hectic transfer activity hadn't put me in the right frame of mind for a game of football.

The reserves were well beaten and I can remember feeling thoroughly unhappy with my display.

It was then I was told that the Doc hadn't seen me play before. Watching from the touchline he must have wondered what he'd bought!

Right: United's Stewart Houston (now at Sheffield United)— he scored as I was coming onto the pitch on my debut.



DAYS by Manchester United and England striker STEVE COPPELL

Eventually he spilt the beans- I'd finally made the grade as an England player.

England were out of the 1978 World Cup qualifying race so it was time for manager Ron Greenwood to experiment with younger players for the game against Italy in 1977.

I wasn't too surprised with the news because the press had been clamouring for the inclusion of myself and Manchester City's Peter Barnes (now with Leeds).

And the England manager admitted that he'd bowed to newspaper pressure and decided to give us a try.

I travelled down to London with my Manchester United team-mate Stuart Pearson and I can remember feeling very nervous.

Joining the England squad is a frightening experience you never know exactly what you're meant to do.

Little things like dress, times of meals and what you're meant to eat all pose their own problems- I didn't know the form.

Kevin Keegan once said that it took him 10 games to get used to the setup and there's no doubt the England get-together is a strange environment for a newcomer.

Obviously I was delighted to pick up my first England cap but the match at Wembley against the Italians was a bit of an anti climax.

With United I'd played against the Italians in a 'do or die' UEFA Cup game- but the same urgency just wasn't there that night.

The reason was that they'd just qualified for the World Cup Finals in Argentina so they were taking it easy and to be blunt they were not that bothered about the result.

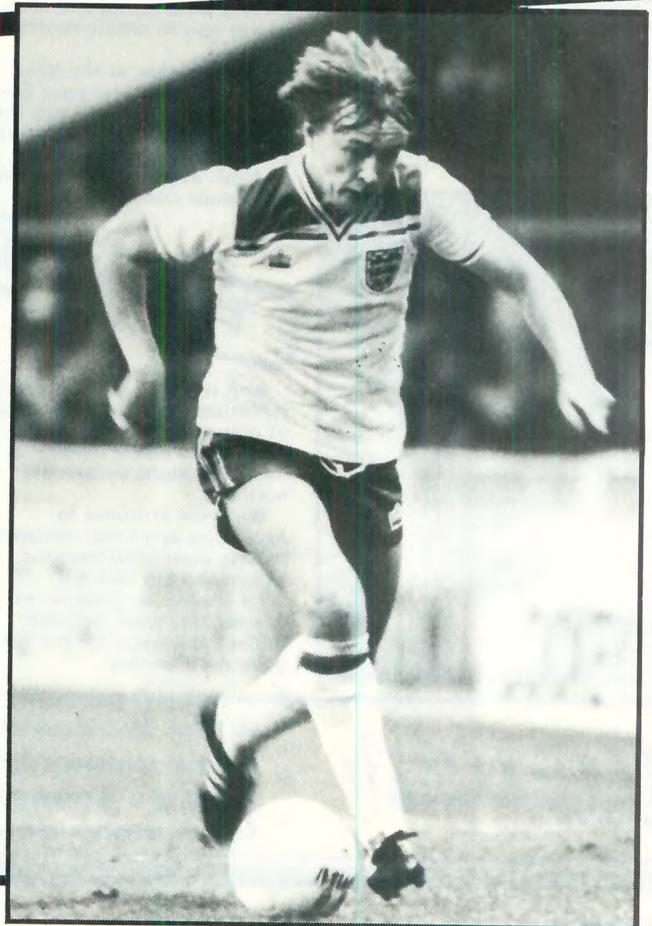
ENGLAND

We won 2-0 with goals from Trevor Brooking and Kevin Keegan and I got pleasure in helping in the build up for Kevin's goal.

Well, it was half an 'assist' really because I passed the ball to Trevor who touched it on to the England skipper to score.



Right: England winger Peter Barnes — he was called up with me for the Italy game.





MY DEBUT DAYS

by Manchester United
and England's
STEVE COPPELL

The power's off — but on 1 go

MY debut for Tranmere Rovers as an 18-year-old gave me my first taste of Sunday soccer.

It's commonplace nowadays as clubs try to bring back the crowds but we played on Sundays back in 1974 because of a coal miners strike.

The drawn out dispute between the Government and miners meant that everyone had to cut down on the electricity they used.

And one of the power saving devices was to play football matches in the mornings or to bring the kick-off forward so that clubs didn't have to use their floodlights.

It was a strange experience playing on a Sunday because it meant you're whole routine changed.

Our manager at the time was former Liverpool skipper Ron Yeats and he used to run the club on the same sort of lines as he'd become used to at Anfield- even though we didn't have their cash.

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And to prevent his players suffering from the temptation of going out on a Saturday evening he made us stay in an hotel the night before the match.

We were at home to Aldershot and I can remember feeling extremely nervous before the big kick-off.

I'll always be grateful to former Liverpool defender Willie Stevenson for the help he gave me that day.

He helped as much as he could by steadying me down and keeping me going when my head was beginning to drop.

We played quite well and I felt we were very unlucky to go down 1-0.

But as I sat in the dressing room afterwards I felt very proud- it had always been my ambition to play for a professional club as an amateur and I'd achieved it.

I'd better explain that at the time I was studying for an economics degree at Liverpool University and wasn't a full member of the Tranmere staff.

My studies stopped me training with the team most days but it didn't hamper my chances of a first team place.

The days I did go training I was lucky enough to get a lift to the ground from goalkeeper Tommy Lawrence, a former Scottish international and another ex Liverpool player on our staff!

And as we drove to Tranmere he used to frighten me to death with his stories of Bill Shankly.

He obviously admired the former Anfield manager because he made the man out to be some kind of god.

Tales of his professional attitude and the way he ran the team had me spellbound!



Above: My manager at Tranmere Ron Yeats — he gave me my first-team chance as an 18-year-old.

Left: Former Liverpool defender Willie Stevenson. He helped me through my Tranmere debut against Aldershot.



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MAYES AIMS TO WIN OVER CHELSEA BOO-BOYS



Alan Mayes gets a lift from fellow striker Colin Lee after scoring against Shrewsbury last season.



Alan Mayes . . . his £200,000 move from Chelsea has been something of a nightmare.

GET OFF MY BACK!

ONE OF Alan Mayes' main aims this season is to win over the Chelsea boo-boys.

The £200,000 striker found himself the prime target of disgruntled fans last season as Chelsea's once bright promotion dream failed in a goal famine.

It didn't surprise him, though, for as the player brought in by manager Geoff Hurst as a Christmas present to boost the team's First Division bid, he failed to live up to his goalscoring reputation.

While accepting the criticism and admitting that he can do a lot better, the former Swindon striker is not shouldering all the blame for Chelsea's fall from grace.

"In my opinion the rot was setting in before I arrived at Stamford Bridge," says Alan.

"I know I never set the world alight but to be honest the whole team struggled in the second half of the season.

"My own form was affected by

travelling every day from Swindon and the side just didn't produce that many chances.

"When a team is not playing well then everyone becomes so much more aware of the missed chances.

"When I scored 28 goals at Swindon the previous season I missed just as many, but we were creating that many chances that people didn't tend to take that much notice.

"I remember being slaughtered by the fans last season after missing a last minute chance of an equaliser against Blackburn, but, although I know I should have scored, it was our only clear-cut chance of the match.

"But in this game one has to accept the criticisms and in most cases it was fair because I know I can play a lot better.

"With the crowd on my back I became a little downhearted which wasn't helped by some indirect public remarks made by Geoff Hurst.

"I finished the season with four goals in 12 league matches which averaged out over the season is not a bad average."

Now Alan hopes that a fresh impetus provided by new manager John Neal and the creative skills of settled midfielder player Colin Viljoen will pave the way for his return to the goal trail.

"With Colin having resolved his differences with the club I'm hoping he can provide the kind of service we need," says Alan.

"I expect to score twenty goals given a full season in the team. Anything over that will be a bonus.

"I've got to win over the fans by producing the goals and help Chelsea back into the First Division where such a big club belongs.

"Despite last season's problems I believe we must be in with a good chance of promotion this time. There are plenty of talented players in the squad."

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PAT JENNINGS

**Arsenal and
N Ireland**



How about that then! It's catch me if you can as Ipswich Town's Eric Gates (above) goes charging off — fist clenched — after scoring against Coventry.

Take that! Villa's Tony Morley (left) appears to be doing all the shouting as he celebrates a Gary Shaw goal against Leeds.

One-nil! The referee's off in one direction, but Joe Gallagher (right) is heading for the Birmingham fans with a smile wider than St. Andrews in celebration of a 'Blues' goal.



FANS rarely miss a goal, but more often than not they miss the celebrations that follow... usually because they are too tied up in their own jubilation. So here's a pictorial spotlight on some of those magical moments - involving some of your favourite stars.

Oh yes! It's elation for England striker Paul Mariner (arms raised) after scoring against Wales... and even defender Larry Lloyd (now manager of Wigan) manages a one armed salute despite being on his knees.



THERE!

Reach for the sky! West Brom's Cyrille Regis (below) has scored and he's leaving no-one in doubt about how he feels!

You beauty! Everton's Eamon O'Keefe offers warm congratulations to his team-mate Peter Eastoe (8) who has just scored.



THE TOAST

WE all know who grabbed the major honours in England and Scotland last season, but who took the silverware in other countries?

Here we provide a detailed look at the current league champions and cup holders in Europe.

And some of the most famous names in European football, like Benfica, Ajax, Bayern Munich and Juventus are all on the roll of honour.

ALBANIA

Champions: Partizan Tirana won the title for the twelfth time since the war, breaking the domination of Dinamo Tirana.

AUSTRIA

Champions: Austria Vienna continued their domination of Austrian football by winning the title for the fourth successive season.
Cup: Graz AK lifted the trophy for the first time.

BELGIUM

Champions: Anderlecht collected their seventeenth title but their first since 1974 with FC Bruges having dominated the Belgian scene.
Cup: Standard Liege are the cup holders for the first time since 1967.

BULGARIA

Champions: CSKA Sofia retained the title to record their twenty-first championship since 1925.
Cup: Trakia Plovdiv carried off the cup for the first time since the war, their first major honour since 1967.

CYPRUS

Champions: Omonia Nicosia collected their seventh title in eight years, their domination being broken last year by Apoel.
Cup: Paralimni Famagusta won the cup for only the second time since 1953.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Champions: Banik Ostrava retained the title to give them their third championship success in six years.
Cup: Dukla Prague lifted the cup for the first time since 1969. In the sixties they won it four times.

DENMARK

Champions: KB Copenhagen won the championship for the fifteenth time since 1913, but their first since 1974.
Cup: Vejle collected the cup for the sixth time since 1955 to make them the most successful cup side in the country.

ENGLAND

Champions: Aston Villa lifted the title for the first time since 1910, but they won it six times before the first World War.
Cup: Tottenham maintained their record of never having lost an FA Cup Final by winning the coveted trophy for the sixth time.

FINLAND

Champions: Oulu Palloseura retained the title.
Cup: KPT Kotka lifted the cup for the first time.

FRANCE

Champions: St Etienne are back on top of French football after a break of five years. It was their tenth title win since 1933.
Cup: Bastia got their name on the cup for the first time to record their first major honour in France.

EAST GERMANY

Champions: Dynamo Berlin won the title for the third successive year.
Cup: Lokomotiv Leipzig lifted the trophy for the third time, the last occasion being in 1976.

WEST GERMANY

Champions: Bayern Munich retained the title to chalk up their seventh championship success since 1903. In the early seventies they won it three years on the trot.
Cup: Eintracht Frankfurt won the cup for the third time, the last occasions being in 1974 and 1975.

GREECE

Champions: Olympiakos Piraeus retained the championship to record their twenty-second success since 1928.
Cup: POAK Solonika won the cup for the third time. They also lifted the trophy in 1972 and 1974.

HUNGARY

Champions: Ferencvaros lifted the title for the first time since 1976 when they completed the double. It was their twenty-third championship success this century.
Cup: Vasas Budapest are the cup holders for the third time, the last occasion being in 1973.

ICELAND

Champions: Valur won the title for the seventeenth time since 1912, the previous occasion being in 1978.
Cup: Fram collected the trophy for the second successive season.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Champions: Glentoran ended Linfield's run of three successive championships.
Cup: Ballymena won the cup for the first time since 1958.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Champions: Athlone Town won the title for the first time.
Cup: Dundalk collected the cup for the third time in five years and the seventh time in their history.

ITALY

Champions: Juventus, aided by former Arsenal star Liam Brady, lifted the title after a three-year wait. It was their nineteenth championship success.
Cup: AS Roma retained the cup to record their fourth trophy success.

LUXEMBOURG

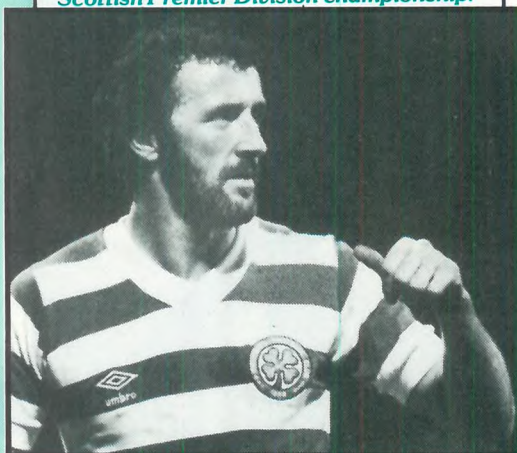
Champions: Progress Niedercorn collected their second title in three years, and their third in all.
Cup: Jeunesse Esch, the country's most successful club, won the trophy for the first time since 1976 when they completed the double.

MALTA

Champions: Hibernians won the title for the second time in three seasons.
Cup: Floriana lifted the trophy for the fifteenth time since 1935.



Danish star Allan Simonsen (above) helped Barcelona to their Spanish Cup triumph. Danny McGrain (below) led Celtic to the Scottish Premier Division championship.



THE LEAGUE AND CUP HOLDERS

OF EUROPE!

NETHERLANDS

Champions: AZ 67 Alkmaar won the championship for the first time.
Cup: Ajax, Holland's most famous side, won the cup for the ninth time.

NORWAY

Champions: IK Start won the title for the second time in three seasons.
Cup: Valerengen got their name on the cup for the first time.

POLAND

Champions: Widzew Lodz won the championship for the first time.
Cup: Legia Warsaw retained the cup to record their seventh trophy success.

PORTUGAL

Champions: Benfica returned to the top of Portuguese soccer for the first time since 1977.
Cup: FC Porto won the cup for the fifth time, having previously lifted it in 1977.

RUMANIA

Champions: Uni Craiova retained the championship.
Cup: Poli Timisoara kept their hold on the trophy.

SCOTLAND

Champions: Celtic collected their thirty-second league title in Scotland.
Cup: Rangers won the trophy for the fourth time in seven years.

SPAIN

Champions: Real Sociedad, runners-up the previous season, lifted the title for the first time.
Cup: Barcelona, trophy winners in 1978, won the cup for the nineteenth time.

SWEDEN

Champions: Oester Vaexjoe won the title for the second time in three years.
Cup: Kalmar collected their first major honour.

SWITZERLAND

Champions: FC Zurich.
Cup: Lausanne collected the trophy for the first time in seventeen years.

TURKEY

Champions: Trabzonspor completed a hat-trick of title successes.
Cup: Ankaragucu won the cup for the first time since 1972.

USSR

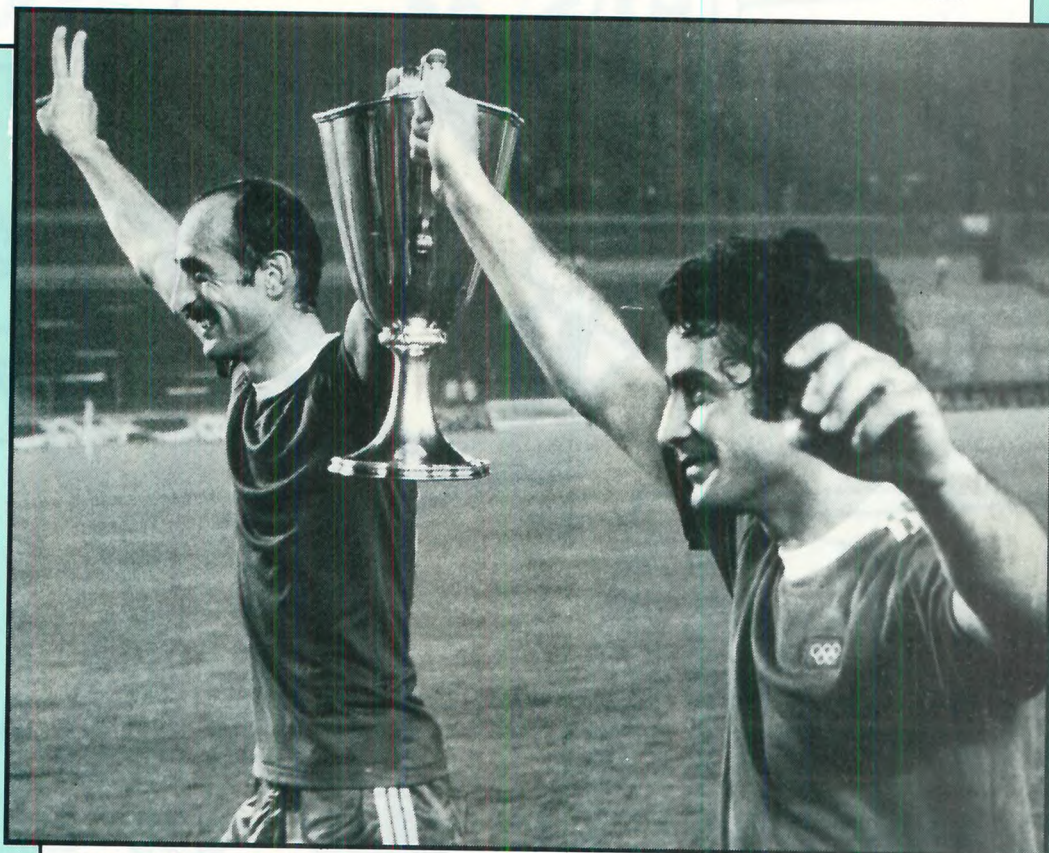
Champions: Dynamo Kiev won the title for the second time in four years.
Cup: Rostov-on-Don.

WALES

Cup: Swansea lifted the Welsh Cup for the fifth time.

YUGOSLAVIA

Champions: Red Star, the country's most successful club, retained the championship.
Cup: Velez Mostar.



Jubilant Dinamo Tbilisi pair Vladimir Gutsaev (left) and David Kipiani hold aloft the European Cup-Winners' Cup following their 2-1 win over Carl Zeiss Jena in the Final. The Russian side put out our own West Ham in the quarter final. Dino Zoff (below), one of Europe's top goalkeepers who helped Juventus to the Italian League title. French star Michel Platini (below, right), a key man in St Etienne's championship success.



Fun

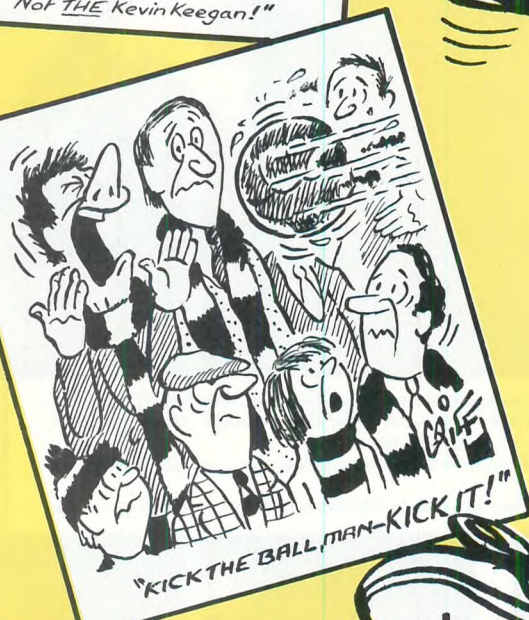
Time

IT'S

It's fun time
with 'Match'
cartoonist
Griff....



"Not THE Kevin Keegan!"



"KICK THE BALL MAN-KICK IT!"



"I'M NOT SLEEPY ANY MORE, DAD—
LET'S PLAY EXTRA TIME!"



"LOTS OF GOALS WERE SCORED TODAY,
BUT NOBODY KISSED ME!"



"ORDERS ARE ORDERS, IT'S NOT MY FAULT
THAT THE RANGERS HAVEN'T TURNED UP!"



"PLAYED FOOTBALL BEFORE, SON?"

I was afraid to go home

EAMONN Bannon had to swallow his pride when, after eight miserable months with Chelsea, he said farewell to the bright lights of London and returned to his native Scotland.

The graceful midfield player had seen his dreams of stardom washed into the gutters in that brief spell in the "big time" between February and October 1979.

At the tender age of 21, the Edinburgh boy who had commanded a £215,000 transfer fee when he moved from Hearts felt destitute. Unwanted by glamorous Chelsea and afraid to go back to Scotland a certified failure.

Like so many young Scots players before him, Bannon had become a highly paid member of the treacherous transfer trail across the border. Like so many he did not stumble upon fame and fortune. . . but unlike most he returned to Scotland and found it there, much nearer home.

Now 23 and "happier than I've been in my career" with Scotland's club-of-the-moment Dundee United, Bannon reviews without malice or regret the reasons why he migrated south.

Security

"With hindsight I can understand clearly why I moved to England in the first place. I was not quite 21, I was ambitious and the chance of financial security was shoved under my nose.

"It was an offer I couldn't refuse, and I appreciate the turmoil any youngster goes through when he gets the chance to go to a big English club with a great tradition.

"There was only one problem - I wasn't ready for it, and probably others before me found exactly the same" adds Eamonn.

Of course, there were other factors. "I was enormously impressed by the then Chelsea manager Danny Blanchflower, who had a persuasive manner. I saw the facilities at Stamford Bridge, learned what my wages were. . . and that was it. The deal was rushed through in three days."

His own slice of the transfer cake was a mouthful for a young lad to swallow, but even harder to digest was the realisation that eight months after joining, he was no longer wanted by Chelsea. Relegation to the English Second Division and the arrival of a new manager, Geoff Hurst, had soured Bannon's life.

Dundee United boss Jim

. . . but Bannon swallowed his pride to find success with Dundee United

McLean stepped in and brought Bannon back 'home' and two years on he says: "Given the chance to relive the last few years over again, the only thing I would change is the timing.

"I was only 20 then, but now at 23 I feel I am more mature to handle the pressures and tensions. At the time I was permanently living out of suitcases whereas I have stability now and a new wife, Kathleen. Still, transfers south will always be part of the scene because the scale is much grander."

Born in Edinburgh on April 18, 1958, Eamonn grew up with only a second-hand knowledge of the professional game. "I spent every spare minute playing" he says.

In 1975 he played for the Scottish schoolboys side around the same time as he turned down the chance to sign an 'S' form for Hearts as he regarded it as "just a scrap of paper".

He signed for Hearts 18 months later and did not have long to wait before making his debut, in the 1976-77 season, as a substitute against Hamburg in the Cup-Winners Cup. "I was promoted to the first team since Hearts were on the verge of being relegated. It seemed to be the story of my life."

Then followed the abortive spell with Chelsea, which forced him into taking the decision to return to Scotland.

"The one thing which frightened me more than anything about coming back was that I would be regarded as a failure, another 'has been' who couldn't make the grade.

"I dreaded the possibility of being stuck with such a label but I'm glad I was not too



ABOVE: Eamonn Bannon. . . "The one thing which frightened me more than anything about coming back was that I would be regarded as failure, another 'has been' who couldn't make the grade."

proud to say 'yes' to Mr. McLean. I'll always be grateful to him for rescuing me although I had reservations at first. I took a big drop in wages and Dundee United had nothing like Chelsea's support."

However, Bannon had barely arrived at Tannadice Park before United won the League Cup - the first major honour in their 50 year history. And around the same time he won his first Scottish cap against Belgium at Hampden Park.

United went on to retain the League Cup and reach the final of the 1980 Scottish Cup, which they lost to Rangers after a replay. But Bannon believes United can now handle the Glasgow giants, Rangers and Celtic, on their own terms.

"In my days at Hearts I remember the awe and respect we reserved for those clubs. Now, though, we are coming to terms with playing the 'Old Firm' because we are losing that feeling of inferiority."

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WEEKLY

MARK DENNIS

**Birmingham City
and England U.21**



ANDY GRAY

**Wolves and
Scotland**



match
WEEKLY

Leicester defender has the brains to match his strength . . .

TOP strikers are backing a loser if they attempt to baffle Leicester defender John O'Neill with science.

The 23 year-old Northern Ireland international has the brains to supplement his strength having gained a degree in economics and accountancy before seeking fame and fortune in England.

"Although I have always wanted to be a footballer, I also realised that I needed something to fall back on if things didn't work out," explains the Derry-born central defender who collected a Second Division championship medal in his first season as a professional.

"Football is a very short life and, although I would like to stay in the game as a coach, I think it's important to have something else up your sleeve.

"If not, it can be difficult to adjust to life outside football after being used to the big money."

John was recommended to Leicester by the manager of his local side who was the Second Division club's scout in Northern Ireland.

Leicester were keen to sign him as an apprentice, but he was given permission by Jimmy Bloomfield and then his successor, Jock Wallace, to complete his education.

He spent three years as a non-contract player, spending two in the reserves while at university, before making his debut at the start of

Leicester and Northern Ireland defender John O'Neill . . . gained a degree in economics and accountancy before seeking football fame with the Filberts.

YOU CAN'T KID JOHN!

the 1978-79 season.

"I suppose not turning professional a little earlier has set me back a year or so, but I think it will be worth it in the end," says John, who once turned down the chance to join Scottish champions Celtic.

"I had trials with Celtic, but I wanted to play in England. Leicester's set-up impressed me and they were very good in allowing me to finish my studies."

"I suppose I had some lucky breaks. Many youngsters come over from Ireland and get homesick, but I lived with a family from my home town of Derry and so it was just like being at home.

"It's every youngster's dream to play professional football, particularly at international level, and I have been lucky to achieve both.

"I had one cap at Under-21 level when Danny Blanchflower was manager, and then when Billy Bingham took over I was put into the senior side for the World Cup tie against Israel in March 1980.

Ambition

"I never really expected an international chance so early and it took a long time for my selection to sink in.

"You always want to play for your country. It's not a thing you think about, but you just hope it's going to happen."

John has now established himself as a regular in the Irish side and there's no prizes for guessing what his next ambition is . . .

"I would love to play for Ireland in the World Cup Finals. That's the ambition of every international footballer and there is still a chance that might happen."

His other major task this season is to see Leicester back into the First Division.

"The First Division is the best in the world and that's the place to be," he says.

"It's a great challenge playing against top stars like Paul Mariner, Kevin Keegan and Trevor Francis.

"In fact, I always have a good game against Paul Mariner. I don't know why it is, but I played well against him twice for Leicester and also when Northern Ireland played England in the Home Championships.

"I wish I could say the same about Aston Villa's Peter Withe. He proved my most difficult opponent last season because he's so powerful in the air."



MY FUTURE'S IN THE STATES

MANCHESTER City defender Kevin Bond has no doubts where his long-term future lies. . . America.

One season with Seattle Sounders has left a lasting impression on John Bond's son, and he's already talking about finishing his playing career in the States.

"I would have no hesitation in returning to America when my First Division days are over in England," says the former Norwich and Bournemouth defender.

"The whole scene over there impressed me greatly, particularly the all-seat stadiums. It would be tremendous if we could transport those stadiums over here and plant them in the First Division.

"The standard of the league, however, tends to fluctuate. For instance, teams like New York and Vancouver could hold their own in the First Division on a good day, while some of the other teams wouldn't be good

'THE WHOLE SCENE THERE IMPRESSES ME'

enough for the Fourth Division.

"Obviously the standards would be very low if players weren't imported because the American players are just not good enough at the moment.

"But given another twenty years and you'll see American players emerging as world class."

Kevin, who cost Seattle £400,000, doesn't support the English view that interest in the States is on the decrease.

"I didn't see any real decline in interest. We had good crowds at Seattle and all the youngsters in the schools are playing the game.

"There are obvious problems in competing with the accepted sports like baseball and American football, but I think that the country is big enough to cater for

another major sport.

"From our point of view there's nothing really we can benefit from, apart from perhaps the points system which offers extra points for goals.

"The Football League have started a move in that direction already by introducing three points for a win this season."

Kevin certainly proved a hit with Seattle even though the club never enjoyed as much success as in previous campaigns.

He scored ten consecutive penalties to create a new league record and finished with 19 from centre half.

"I don't think you would see a central defender scoring 19 goals over here. But with that 35-yard line, the game is slowed down and defenders are given more time to get into attacking situations."

"But only time will tell whether I have benefitted playing wise."

My stars and stripes XI

BARRY SIDDALL
(Vancouver - Sunderland)

BARRY WALLACE
(Tulsa - ex-Q.P.R.)

SHAUN ELLIOTT
(Seattle - Sunderland)

TONY POWELL
(San Jose - ex-Norwich)

DAVID NISH
(Seattle - ex-Leicester and Derby)

VLADISLAV BOGICEVIC
(New York - Yugoslavia)

WES McCLEOD
(Tampa Bay - Canada)

JULIE VEE
(San Diego - Hungary)

GIORGIO CHINAGLIA
(New York - Italy)

TEOFILO CUBILLAS
(Fort Lauderdale - Peru)

ARNO STEFFENHAGEN
(Chicago - West Germany)

Sorry Villa but...

CAN Aston Villa hold on to the League title? Which team can prise the FA Cup from Spurs grasp? Is there a team to match Brazil in next year's World Cup finals?

Match Weekly News Editor **PAUL STRATTON** has been gazing into his crystal ball to come up with some answers to the question: Where will the honours go?

And there's a special panel for you to fill in your own predictions so when everything has been decided you can see who came closest to getting it right.

IPSWICH Town — arguably the most complete footballing side in the country — can go one better this season and land the League Championship they came so close to claiming last term.

Manager Bobby Robson didn't really need to study the transfer market during the close season — so strong was the team that finished last season's campaign as UEFA Cup winners.

And barring substantial injury problems this season no-one could argue that East Anglia's only representatives in the First

Left: Crystal Palace skipper Jim Cannon — destined to lead his side to the Second Division Championship?

Below: Frans Thijssen... a good reason why Ipswich can clinch the League Championship.

Division are on course for the title many believed they deserved last time around.

Despite landing the League double over eventual Champions Aston Villa, Ipswich found themselves four points adrift of the West Midlands outfit at the end of last season.

But their fixture pile-up was incredible as they at one time strove to land what would have been a magnificent treble — League Championship, FA Cup and UEFA Cup.

If it's possible, victory in the latter must almost have been an anti-climax!

This season Ipswich have to be the team to fear. Just for a moment ponder their line-up....

In goal, Paul Cooper. A man who must consider himself terribly unlucky not to have won an England cap. One of the most consistent keepers in the country and an expert at saving spot kicks.

Back four — any from George Burley, Kevin Beattie, Terry Butcher, Russell Osman, Mick Mills....each of them internationals and a formidable wall in front of goal.

Midfield — arguably their strongest department — with the two brilliant Dutchmen Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren, plus the young Steve McCall if he's called-on, and Europe's 'Young Player of the Year' John Wark.

Scottish international Wark can't hope to repeat his goalscoring exploits of last season, but his workrate and positioning is sure to be equally impressive.

Up front....England centre forward Paul Mariner once more leads their attack with the more than able help of Scottish international Alan Brazil and sharp-shooting Eric Gates whose long range goals are now legend around Portman Road.

Weaknesses are hard to find...as their opponents will find.

But who can challenge them?

Many tip Manchester United with former West Brom boss Ron Atkinson at the helm, but this may be more of an experimental season for the Old Trafford set-up as they come to terms with a close-season of change.

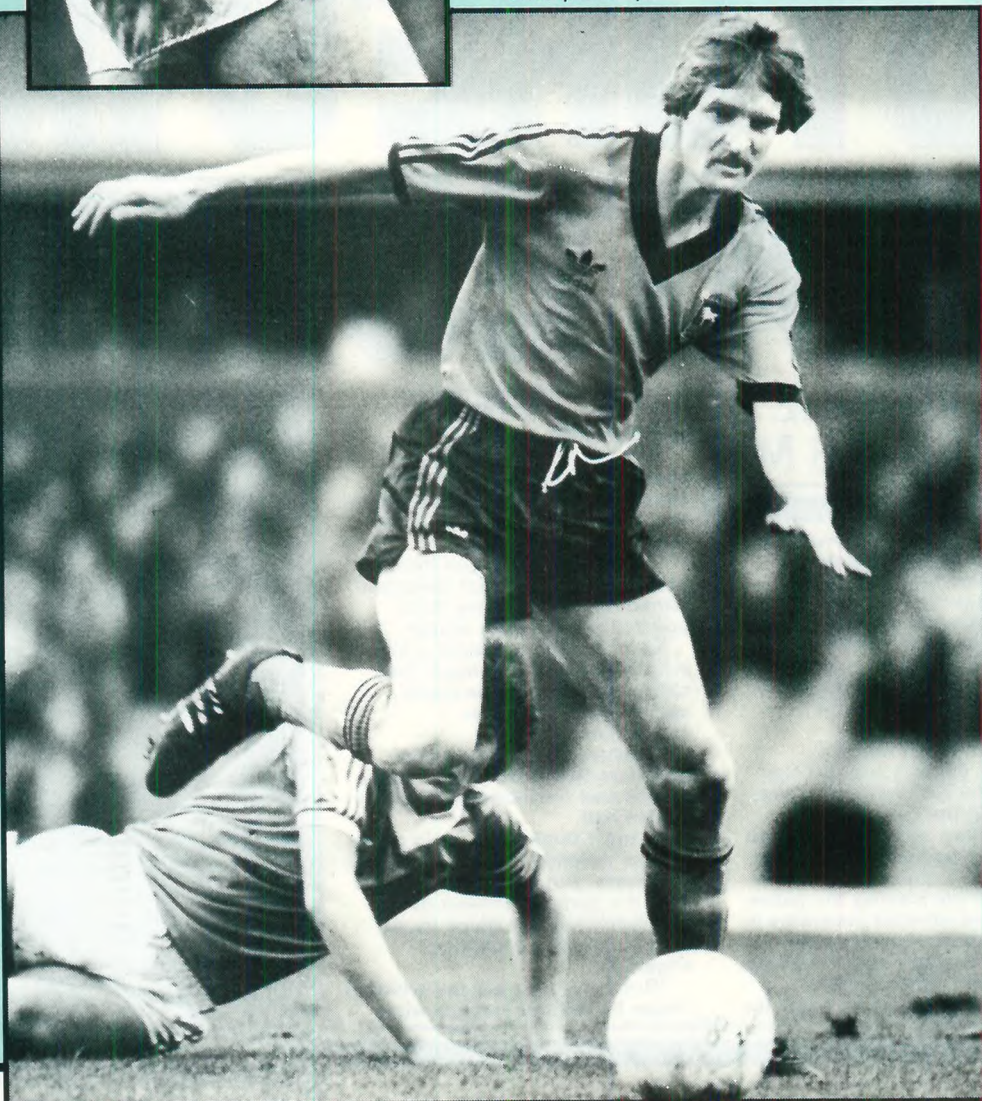
Atkinson's former team, West Brom, may be a better bet and Albion skipper John Wile told me before the start of the season that the team's true potential could be uncovered this term.

With that in mind I'm tipping Albion to lift the League Cup this season.

What of Liverpool I hear you cry?

Well I take the Merseyside giants to win the FA Cup this season.

Sure they will be there or thereabouts in the League Championship race — what season would be complete without their presence at the top — but I fancy them to follow their success in the League Cup last season with similar good fortunes at Wembley next May. Watch for young midfielder Sammy Lee, who could emerge as



IT'S IPSWICH'S YEAR

one of the great players of the future.

Of the others, Tottenham could emerge as serious challengers for the title this term, but may still need another season and some strengthening.

Champions Aston Villa? Somehow I can't see them making the same kind of impression and while they can't be written off I can't foresee two titles in a row for them. Maybe European Cup glory is heading for Villa Park?

Arsenal, Southampton and Manchester City can never be forgotten.

Predicting the outcome of the Second Division is always a chancy business, but Crystal Palace — relegated from the First last term — look a good bet to go straight back up and I'm taking them to lift the championship in what may be a London dominated race — Q.P.R., Chelsea and Watford all candidates for promotion.

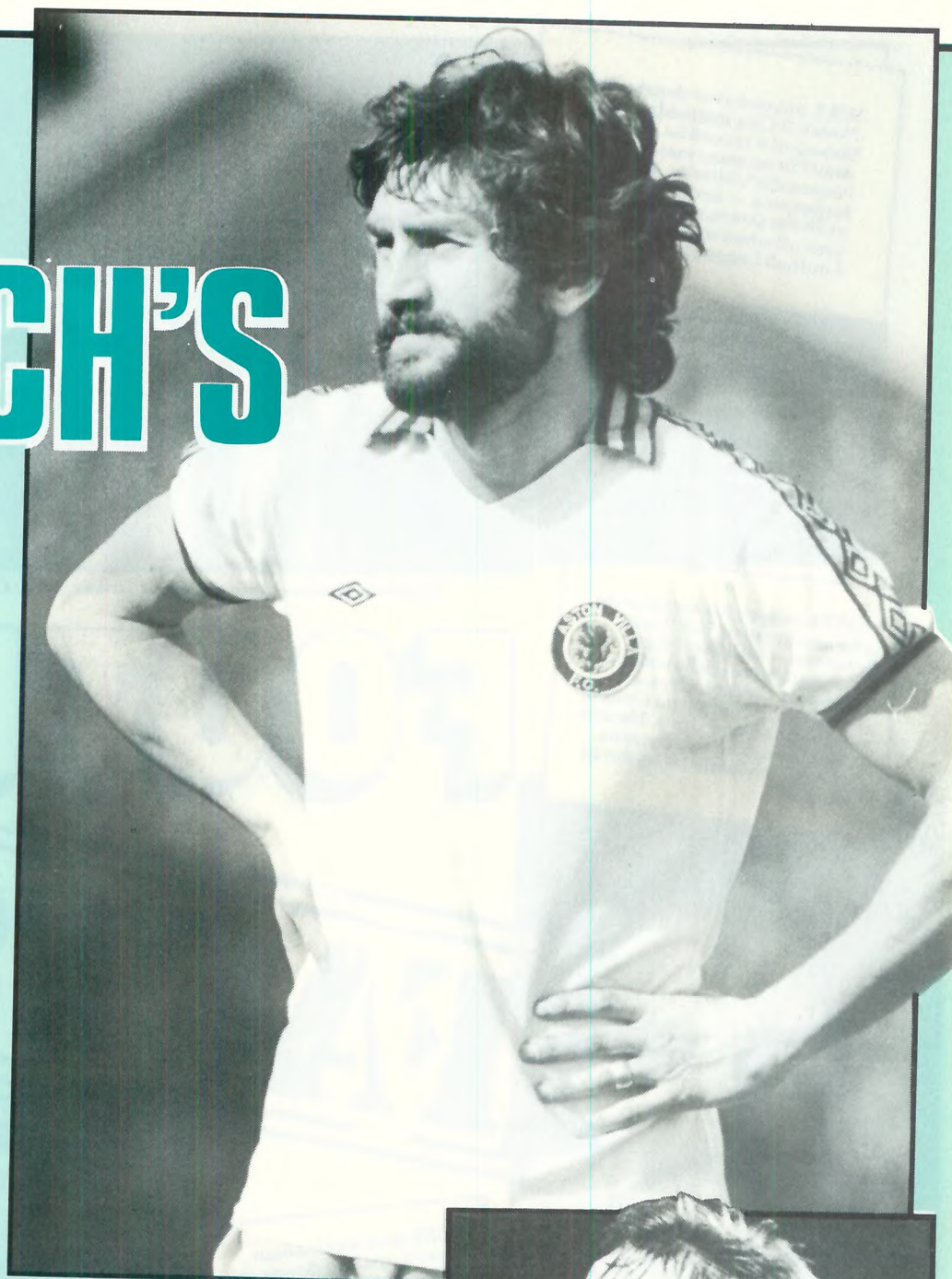
Chesterfield — fifth in the promotion race last season — are my tip to take the Third Division crown this time around and I'm taking Mansfield to top the Fourth.

On the Scottish scene Rangers are about due another turn at the top and I go for the Ibrox side to pip both Glasgow rivals Celtic and Aberdeen.

So much for the domestic scene, but what of the big one next year — the World Cup. The competition offers a fascinating spectacle.

But the first team that springs to mind as eventual winners is Brazil....the marvellous Zico and all!

West Germany may be favourites and Argentina may be the holders, but my guess is that it will be victory number four for the South American Samba style specialists.



Above: Aston Villa skipper Dennis Mortimer - can he lead Villa to Championship success yet again or could it be European glory?

Right: Liverpool's Sammy Lee - super star in the making. Will he be the proud owner of an FA Cup winners medal next May?



PAUL'S PREDICTIONS

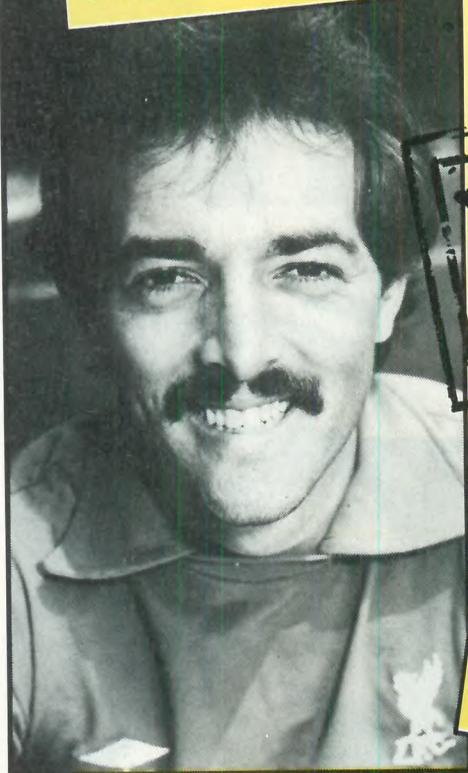
HERE'S my full list of predictions for the season:

	Paul's predictions	Your predictions	Dad's predictions	Who won!
Division One Champions	Ipswich			
Division Two Champions	C.Palace			
Division Three Champions	Chesterfield			
Division Four Champions	Mansfield			
Scottish Premier Champions	Rangers			
FA Cup winners	Liverpool			
League Cup winners	W.B.A.			
World Cup winners	Brazil			

WILL anyone ever deprive little Norwich City midfielder Mark Halsey of a record he doesn't want? In an away match against Newcastle United in April, 1978, he became — and still remains at 18 the youngest player ever sent off when making his Football League debut.

DOES Ronnie Allen, now back as West Brom's manager, remember how his own son once helped to get him sacked? In November, 1973, Russell Allen scored one of the goals in a Tranmere Rovers 3-0 defeat of Walsall — managed at the time by Ronnie — who lost his job soon after the match and partly because of it.

MOST League club secretaries are one-club men, but Peter Robinson is with his fifth at Liverpool, after spells with Stockport County, Crewe Alexandra, Scunthorpe United, and Brighton just eight months and now he's in his 16th year at Liverpool!



Liverpool's Bruce Grobbelaar... the last 'keeper to take a penalty in a League game.

DO Lawrie McMenemy (Southampton), Dario Gradi (Palace), Colin Murphy (Lincoln City), and Mike Smith (Hull City) wonder what might have happened if the closed shop principle ever operates among managers with Football League playing experience being the first qualification? They are the only current managers who HAVEN'T had League experience.

HOW many fans know that Shrewsbury Town have avoided an opposition hat-trick in a League match longer than any other club among the other 91? The last to do it against them — Bobby Gough for Port Vale as long ago as September, 1970.

IT HAS been claimed that Watford's Elton John at 34 ranks as the Football League's youngest-ever Football League chairman. The claim is well offside. Current Charlton Athletic chief Michael Glikstein became one of their directors when he was 18 and they made him chairman at 23!

ONLY two clubs during the 35 post war seasons have won any of the titles with a manager who had been a goalkeeper in the Football League. Birmingham City — with Gil Merrick in charge — won the League Cup in season 1962-63, and Leicester City were Division Two champions in 1979-80 with Jock Wallace as boss.



Sheffield Wednesday's colourful striker Terry Curran.

HOW long will Rhodesian Bruce Grobbelaar, Ray Clemence's successor at Liverpool, retain the distinction of having been the last goalkeeper to take a penalty-kick in a Football League match? It was for Crewe Alexandra against York City on May 3, 1980, and he scored.

SINCE the war Jack and Bobby Charlton have played together for England, Ivor and Len Allchurch and John and Mel Charles for Wales, Danny and Jackie Blanchflower for Northern Ireland, Kevin and Mick O'Flanagan and David and Pierce O'Leary for Eire. Who will be the next pair of international brothers to play in the same team?

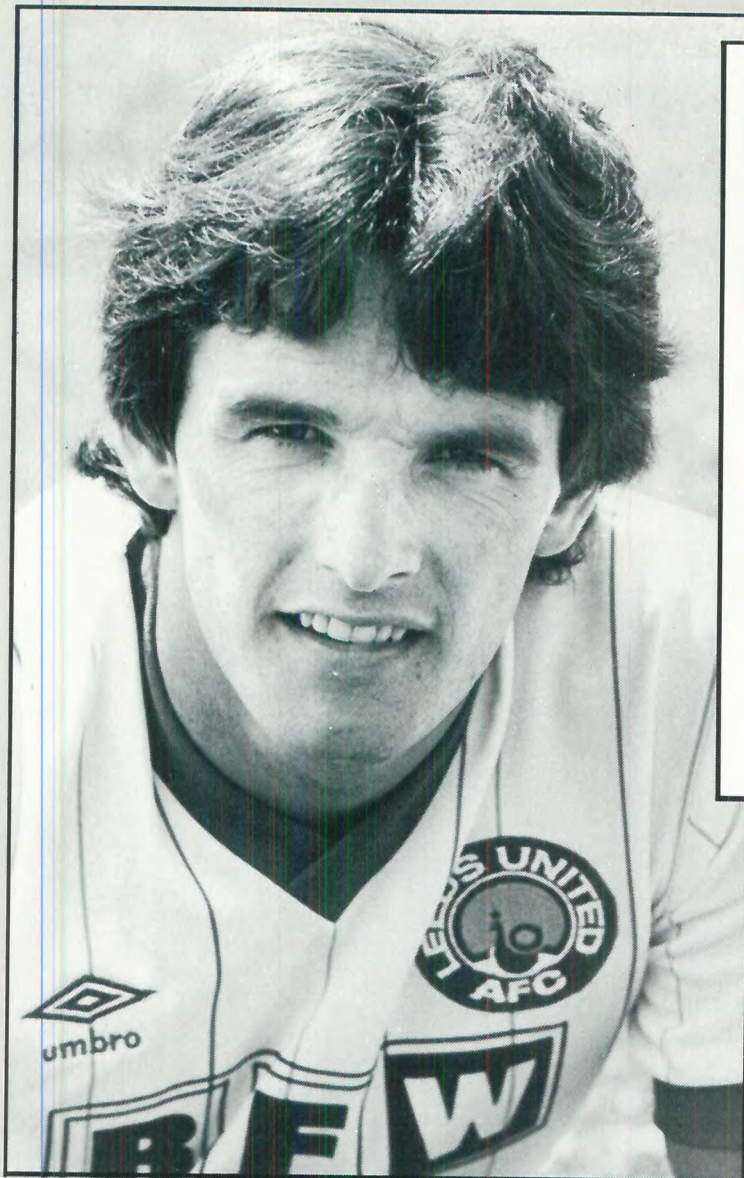
FACTS

THERE isn't much about Soccer's ups and downs that Rodney Fern doesn't know. He was with Leicester City when they were relegated in season 1968-69 and when they were Division Two champions in 1970-71; with Luton Town when they went up in 1973-74 and when they descended a year later; and with Rotherham United when they went up last season.



Eire international brothers Pierce (left) and David O'Leary.

FOOTBALL



Frank Gray feels Leeds want to win things again.

GLAD TO BE BACK

IT FEELS LIKE I'VE NEVER BEEN AWAY

IT SEEMED almost inevitable that Scottish full back Frank Gray would one day return to put that superb left foot to good use for Leeds United.

During the first 12 months of his two-year, two-way ticket to Nottingham Forest, Frank continued to live near Leeds and kept in close contact with his former club.

If Forest were inactive in midweek and there was a game at Elland Road, you could rely on Frank to be one of the first into the ground.

It was almost as if he had mapped out his future and told Leeds: 'Loan me out for a couple of years so I can win a major trophy and then I'll come back'.

Frank explained how the reverse move came about: "At the end of last season Leeds rang me to say they had made an offer and Forest had accepted. All I had to do was negotiate with Leeds."

"In a way it came as a surprise, but Brian Clough and Peter Taylor has said there would be changes and I was left out of two of the last four games of last season.

"I'm delighted to be back at Leeds, but to be honest it feels like I've never been away."

Frank was immediately struck by the change in atmosphere at Elland Road.

"There's a feeling that we can win things again," he said.

"Before, I got the impression that the club was happy to settle for a mid-table spot.

"It's all down to the manager. I played with Alan Clarke for about six years and even then he was determined to be a successful manager.

"He's similar to my old boss Brian Clough. He's very straight, makes up his own mind and sticks to his decisions."



Frank's brother Eddie, described by manager Allan Clarke as one of the best left backs in the country last season.

"But at the moment no manager can touch Brian Clough's record. He's proved that he can get results by transforming a struggling Second Division side like Forest into champions of Europe.

"Beating Hamburg in the European Cup Final was definitely the highlight of my stay at Forest.

"The Forest experience improved me as a player and I hope this will come through at Elland Road - for Leeds' sake and for my own international ambitions."

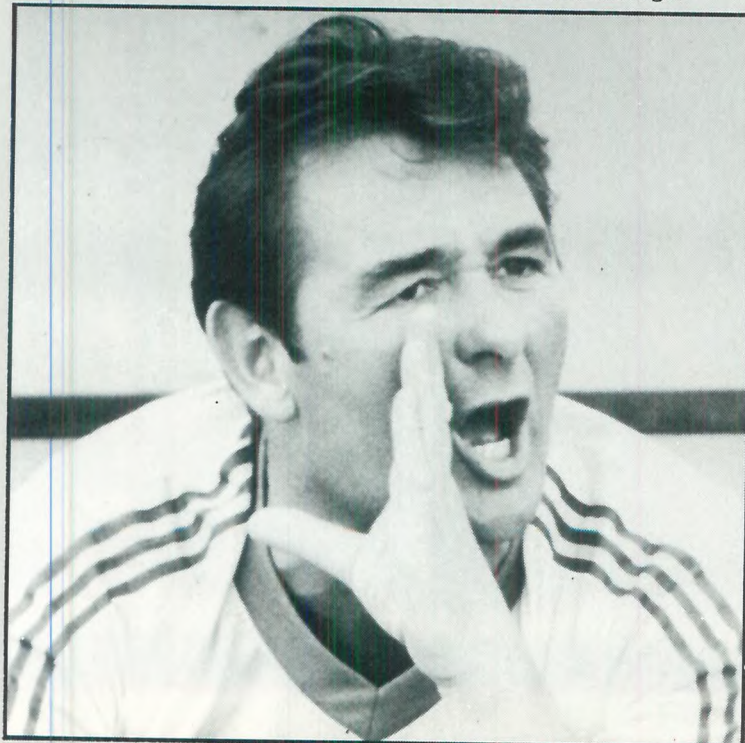
"Frank began to put that to the test in Leeds' pre-season games. . . . where he started off in midfield.

"It wasn't too much of a surprise to me because brother Eddie did so well at left back last season that Allan Clarke said he was one of the best in the country.

"We've swapped places now but I'm happy to play anywhere for Leeds if it will help them to honour."

"At 26, I still have a long way to go in the game and I'm hungry for more medals on my sideboard."

Below: Brian Clough - no one can touch his record as a manager -



BRIAN KILCLINE

NOTTS COUNTY



**match
action**

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Karl-Heinz Rummenigge
Bayern Munich and West Germany

DO YOU KNOW YOUR SOCCER? DO YOU KNOW

ARE you a Soccer Mastermind? Test your knowledge of the game with this quiz page.
When you've answered all the questions turn to page 126 to see how many you got right.



Where do they play . . .

WHICH teams play at the following grounds?

1. play at Burnden Park.
2. play at Deepdale.
3. play at Elm Park.
4. play at Springfield Park.
5. play at the County Ground.
6. play at Edgeley Park.

WHO'S IN THE WALL?

ONE of the highlights of last season — skipper Paul Power sends Manchester City to the FA Cup Final with this goal against Ipswich.

Paul's free kick beat the Ipswich wall and rocketed into the back of the net. Paul is clearly visible but how many of the other eight players in the picture can you identify?



TEAM TEASER

HERE are four crests from famous League clubs — but do you know which teams they represent?

To help you solve the puzzle we've narrowed the field down to these eight teams: Wrexham, Torquay, Wolves, Tottenham, Carlisle, Crewe, Huddersfield and Hartlepool.



Do you know me?

I WAS born in Bolton in 1953 but my first League club was Plymouth Argyle. I moved to East Anglia and a First Division club in October 1976. Since then I've become England's regular striker and picked up FA Cup and UEFA Cup medals.

SPOT THE CHANGES

HOW observant are you? Well, here's a chance to test yourself with our 'Spot the Difference' competition.

The two drawings may look identical but there are ten deliberate differences on one of them.

Just mark the differences on picture B and then turn to page 126 to see if you are right.

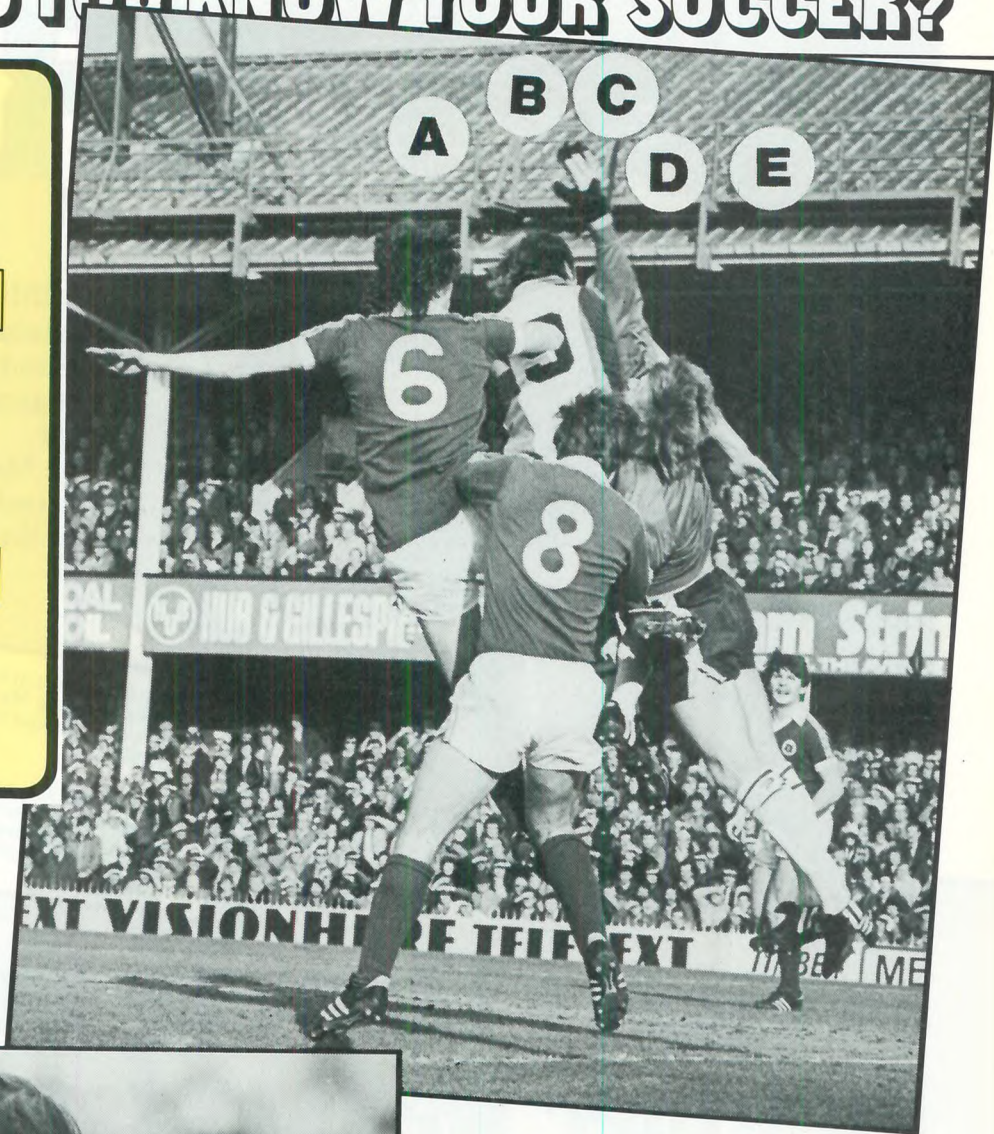


DO YOU KNOW YOUR SOCCER? DO YOU KNOW

OUR SOCCER? DO YOU KNOW YOUR SOCCER?

FIND THAT BALL

SOUTHAMPTON striker Mike Channon rises high to help his keeper Peter Wells snuff out this Everton attack — but where's the ball? We've covered it up behind one of those letters — do you know which one?



MISSING LINKS

CAN you fill in the missing spaces in these football facts?

1. Fourth Division play at Edgar Street.
2. Aston Villa's England international Peter Withe started his career with
3. Liverpool's League Cup Final replay winner over West Ham last season was scored by
4. Alan Durban took over as boss of Sunderland after starting his managerial career with
5. Ipswich Town beat Dutch side in the Final of last season's UEFA Cup.
6. Spurs defender Graham Roberts joined the club from non-league
7. Manchester United's right-back John Gidman made just one full England appearance against
8. Nottingham Forest's Jan Eiser Aas plays for his country
9. Manchester City's scored both goals in last season's first FA Cup Final at Wembley.
10. Coventry's Steve Hunt starred in America for



Where are they now?

NOTTINGHAM Forest manager Brian Clough has never been afraid to sell even his most established stars.

"Match Special" has compiled a team of former Forest players Cloughie has sold since taking charge — can you name their current clubs?

The team reads: Chris Woods, Frank Gray, Larry Lloyd, Ian Bowyer, Martin O'Neill, Raimondo Ponte, Archie Gemmill, Stan Bowles, Tony Woodcock, Garry Birtles and Terry Curran.

Former Forest midfield star Raimondo Ponte spent just one season with Brian Clough — where is the Swiss international now?

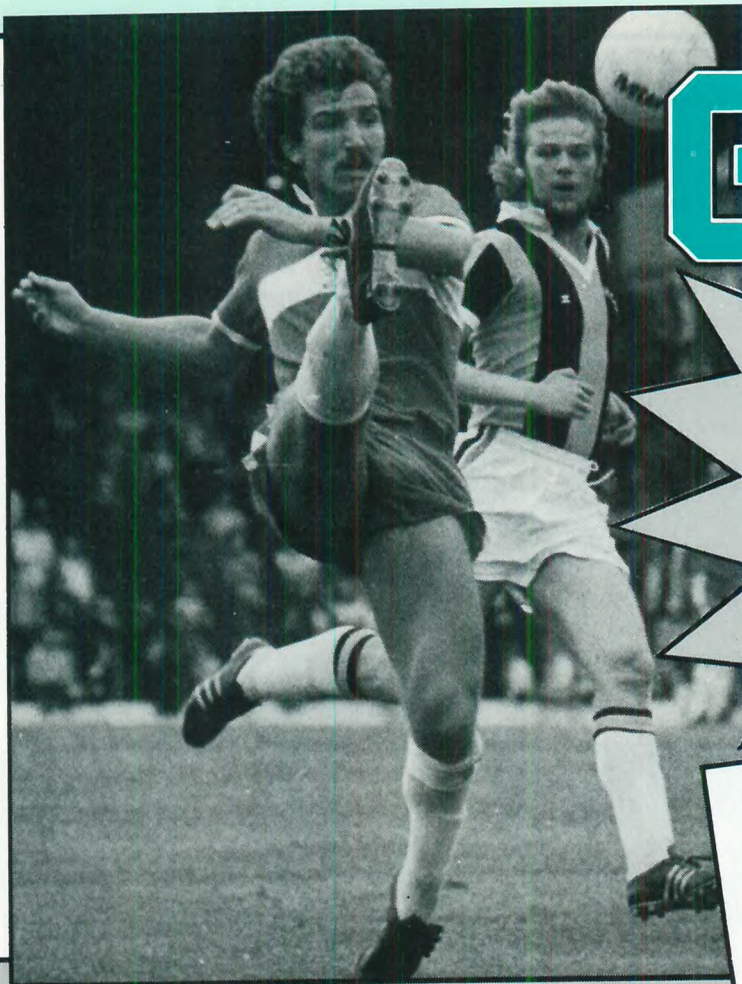
OUR SOCCER?

YOUR SOCCER?

GRAEME

GRAEME SOUNESS, midfield star of European champions Liverpool and Scotland picks out some of the great games in his distinguished career.

The Match Weekly columnist looks back and relives the memories of four marvellous matches he's played in.



Left: Here I am in action against Hull during my Middlesbrough days in a Second Division game in 1976.

Right: Southampton's David Armstrong — he was a key player in Middlesbrough's Second Division Championship season.



I score three as we hammer Wednesday 8-0

MIDDLESBROUGH stormed to the Second Division Championship by a record 15 points in the 1973-74 season and we gave the fans a real send off in final home game of the campaign.

Under manager Jack Charlton we hammered Sheffield Wednesday 8-0 and I grabbed the first hat-trick of my League career.

There was a tremendous atmosphere at Ayresome Park that day and the 25,287 fans gave us a marvellous reception as we took to the pitch.

Even though we'd lost our previous two games we knew that the fans deserved something special, so we put on a great performance.

There were times during that season — like I've since experienced with Liverpool — when we felt unbeatable.

As well as my goals, current 'Boro' manager Bobby Murdoch, John Hickton and David Mills (now West Brom) chipped in with one each and Alan Foggan grabbed a couple.

We'd already won the championship five games before so there was no pressure on us

and we showed the fans we could play.

It's ironic that our biggest win of the season should come against Wednesday — the team Jack Charlton joined when he left us.

But at that time Wednesday were struggling at the wrong end of the Second Division.

Northern Ireland international goalkeeper Jim Platt and defender John Craggs are still going strong for Middlesbrough while David Armstrong has moved to Southampton and Stuart Boam has taken over as player-manager at Mansfield.

One man who kept the team ticking along those days was Willie Maddren — he was one of the best sweepers in the game and it was a tragedy when he was forced out of the game through injury.

That season also saw Middlesbrough travel to Old Trafford and pull off a shock 1-0 win over Manchester United.

Although United were struggling in those days it was a great feeling as we walked off the pitch knowing we'd beaten was of the world's most famous teams.

Boro' win at Anfield — but only 25,000 fans see it

ON my first visit to Anfield I helped beat mighty Liverpool... but there was hardly anyone there to watch me!

I was playing for Middlesbrough and we'd drawn Liverpool in the fourth round of the League Cup in November 1974.

But because there was a bus strike in the city less than 25,000 fans turned up to watch — nearly half Anfield's usual gate.

But we weren't worried about the attendance — it was the result that delighted us.

And it was a goal in the last minute of the game from Willie Maddren which gave us a memorable victory.

Liverpool were just becoming a force in the First Division and that season they finished runners-up in the Championship.

The team included such big names as Ray Clemence, Emlyn Hughes, Steve Heighway, Ian Callaghan and Kevin Keegan.

The Middlesbrough team did quite well in it's first season back in the top flight and under the astute management of Jack Charlton we finished sixth in the League

and reached the fifth round of the League Cup and sixth of the FA Cup.

I feel that if the Middlesbrough directors had allowed the manager to take the club into debt and buy a couple of players, Jack Charlton could have built up a very good side.

That's all it needed — a couple more class players and I'm sure we'd have been challenging.

Middlesbrough have always had a reputation for being unfashionable and I know they don't get big crowds but the directors should have taken advantage of what Jack had built up.

That season was memorable for another reason also — I scored twice against my old club Spurs in a 3-0 win at Ayresome Park.

It's always a great feeling to beat your old team-mates and I was delighted to get two and complete the double over them.

Earlier in the season we'd been to White Hart Lane and won 2-1 with goals from David Armstrong and David Mills.

SOUNESS

*The Liverpool and Scotland
star relives some of the*

GREAT GAMES

he's played in

Champagne all the way!

SUPREMELY confident . . . that's how the Liverpool lads felt as we came out for the 1977-78 European Cup Final against Bruges at Wembley.

I don't believe we were being big-headed in feeling so sure of ourselves — after all we were virtually playing at home in front of 80,000 of our own fans.

And even though the final was only my second taste of European soccer I was just as confident as the rest of the lads.

It was a sunny May evening and the only time I felt nervous was as we lined up for the presentations before the match — I find all the pomp and circumstance before a big game very nerve-wracking.

But once the game was under way I felt no nerves and got on with the job in hand.

The match was by no means a classic — the Belgians sat back and were very cagey throughout the game.

I think they were hoping to pinch one when we were off our guard. But Kenny Dalglish put paid to that plan when he hit the only goal of the match.

And the celebrations after the match were incredible. I can remember taking a taxi at 5 o'clock the next morning to my parents' London hotel.

I bought a couple of bottles of champagne



Above: Liverpool and Scotland international striker Kenny Dalglish. His goal gave Liverpool their second European Cup success on the trot.

and took my Cup winners medal for them to see.

The European Cup is the hardest to win and I felt ever so proud to have got a winners medal just a couple of months after joining Liverpool from Middlesbrough.

Last season I picked up my second winners medal in Paris when we beat Spain's Real Madrid 1-0 but it will always be the first win that stands out.

I must admit it did seem a million miles away from Middlesbrough.





GRAEME SOUNESS

**Dejected —
but we
bounce
back**

LIVERPOOL'S marathon four game FA Cup semi-final against Arsenal had left the players thoroughly dejected and feeling sorry for themselves.

Once again we'd missed out on the FA Cup and the lads were down.

We'd dominated the first three matches against Arsenal without turning our strength into goals and in the fourth game we just didn't play and went out of the Cup 1-0 with a goal from Brian Talbot.

But we showed our true character and grit just a couple of days later when we clinched the League Championship for the second season running with a 4-1 win over Aston Villa.

It was the 1979-80 season and we needed to beat Villa at Anfield to take the coveted trophy.

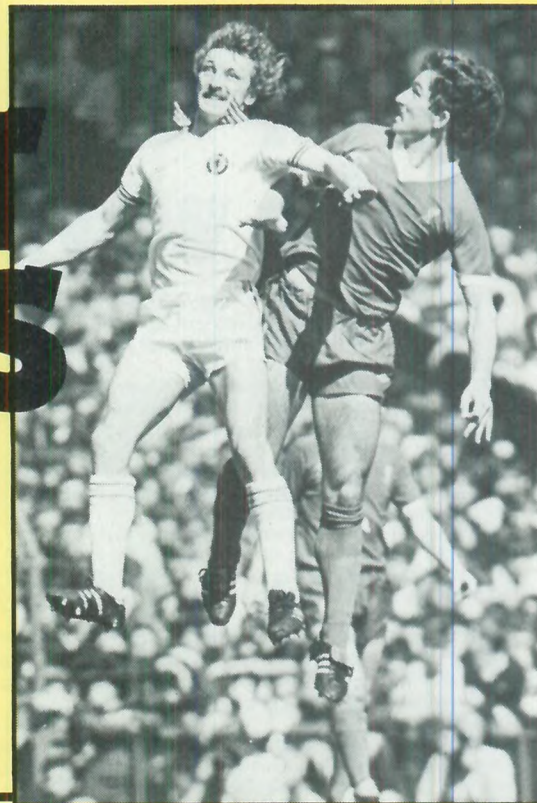
Striker David Johnson got us off to

relives his
**GREAT
GAMES**

a dream start after just three minutes, but then disaster struck. Defender Avi Cohen put through his own net and it was 1-1 at half-time.

The second half belonged to us though Avi made amends for his first-half error by scoring for us, David Johnson added his second and one of their defenders put through his own net.

Funnily enough it was against Aston Villa the previous season that we clinched the championship — that time we beat them 3-0.



Top: Champions! I celebrate our success against Villa with Alan Hansen and Kenny Dalglish.

Above: I outjump Villa's Des Bremner in the title-clinching clash of 1980.

GET all the inside information from Anfield . . . read Graeme Souness in his regular Match Weekly column . It's exclusive!

39...and still at the top

IT'S possible that England goalkeepers Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton could be playing in the First Division at the age of 40.

Both have expressed the desire to remain at the top for as long as possible, and Ipswich's John Jackson, the Football League's oldest goalkeeper at 39, believes they could do it.

John, who has just joined Ipswich as cover for Paul Cooper after 21 years with London sides Crystal Palace, Orient and Millwall, plans to carry on playing for at least another two years.

"If you look after yourself and don't do anything stupid, then there's no reason why you can't play in the First Division at 40," he says.

"Goalkeepers are like good wine. They mature with age and goalkeeping is all about experience."

John plans to carry on for another two years

'Goalkeepers are like good wine. They mature with age and goalkeeping is all about experience'

"Clemence is now 33 and Shilton 32 so they should now be at their peak. All they've got to do now is look after themselves.

"Let's face it, Italy's Dino Zoff is still top of the league in his country and he's 39, so there is no reason why Shilton and Clemence, or anyone else for that matter, can't play at the top until they're 40.

"The real potential of a goalkeeper doesn't show through until you're about 28, probably four years after an outfield player.

"From my point of view I know that if I was called into First Division duty, I would

feel just as confident and competent now as when I played in the top division with Palace nine years ago.

"I've got no special secret formula. I simply watch my weight, particularly in the summer, and work hard at maintaining my agility which is so important.

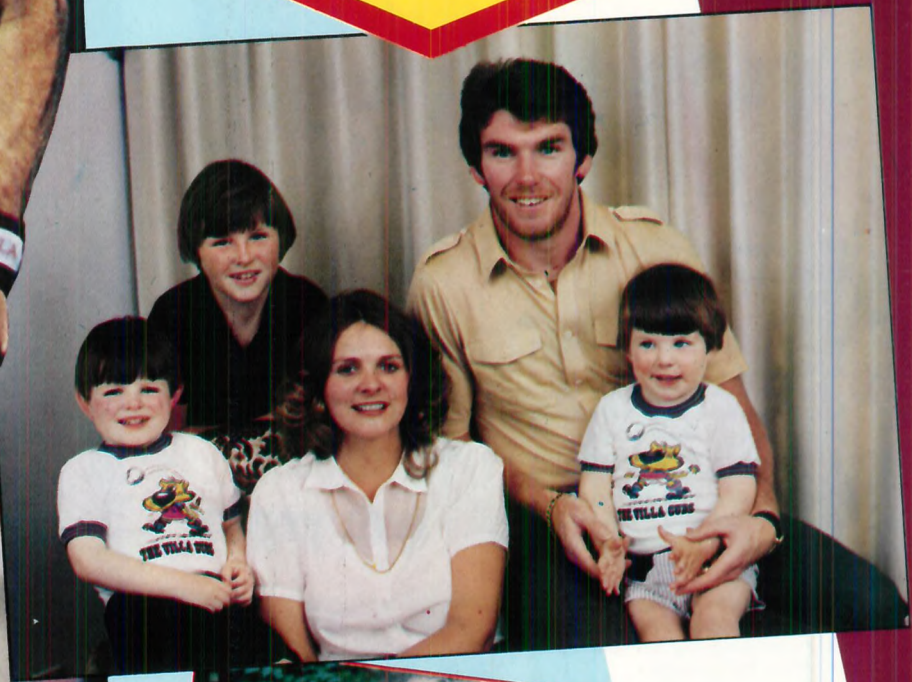
"But apart from that I've got no special recipe for staying in the game for so long.

"I simply love playing and training and have never lost my appetite for the game. Once I do then it will be time to call it a day."

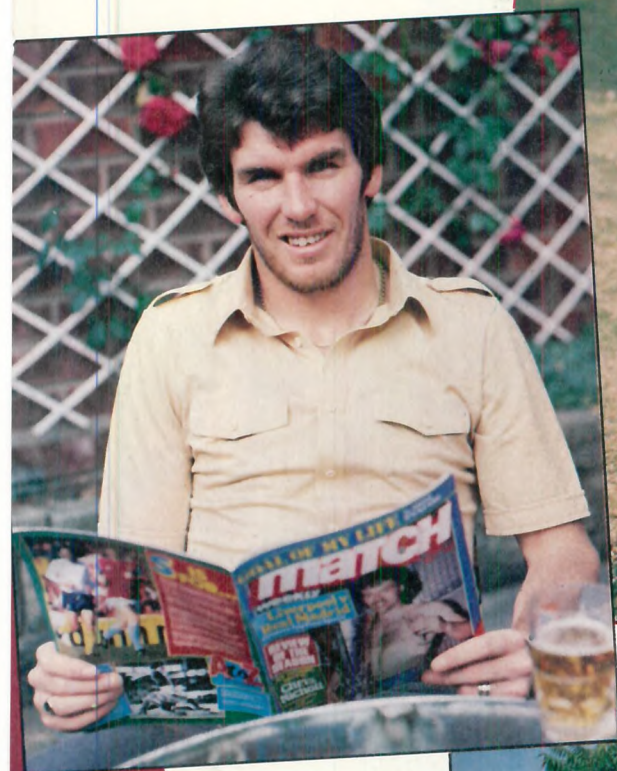
Right: John Jackson, Ipswich's 39-year-old stand-in goalkeeper, reckons he would feel as confident and competent now if he was called to First Division duty with Ipswich as he did with Palace nine years ago. Left: Peter Shilton, the Nottingham Forest and England 'keeper, could still be playing in the top flight at 40, says John.



PETER WITHE



**Match Weekly
visits Aston Villa
and England
striker PETER
WITHE at his
home.**



Above: Peter relaxes in the garden of his Solihull home with a glass of beer and a copy of Match Weekly.

Above right: Golf is one of Peter's other loves . . . and he's no mean player off a ten handicap.

Right: A spot of close season practice in the back garden with eldest son Jason . . . wearing Aston Villa colours of course.

Left: Peter, wearing his England shirt, shows off another of his prized possessions, a gift from one of the Brazilian players after his international debut in May.

Above left: Peter the family man with wife Kathy and his three sons, Jason (9), Stephen (3) and Gareth (2).

Far left: Peter Withe in action for League Champions Aston Villa.

WATSON'S THE NAME

THE NAME'S the same . . . and young Dave Watson's performances for Norwich have already given rise to expectations that he could one day follow his more famous namesake into the England team.

But right now, Dave is just pleased to be playing first team football after three years of youth and reserve team football at Liverpool . . .

"I really have enjoyed my first year of senior football. It started off hard and it's getting harder all the time, but it's a great life — it really is."

That's not to say, however, that Dave was fed up with life in the Anfield shadows — it couldn't be further from the truth.

Proudly he declares: "Liverpool are one of the greatest clubs in the world and I was part of it."

"There are so many good players on the books at Anfield that you could be there for years and still only get a handful of senior games, but I loved every minute of it."

Liverpool reserves is a great team to play in!

"I might not have made the first team, but at Liverpool everyone is made to feel part of the set-up — no matter which side they play in."

"We were all treated alike, trained together and played the same game. It

. . . but this Dave is just happy to be playing for the Canaries.

was great because I was able to pick up little things as I went along."

Even though he was surrounded by so many great stars Dave never doubted his ability.

"I have always had great confidence in myself. It wasn't too bad for me playing in the reserves because I was young and still learning the game so I never became frustrated. I suppose for some of the older players it must have been a daunting experience to be stuck in the 'Stiffs'."

"But I certainly was not itching to get away. In fact, I never had a clue of anything happening when Norwich City made their approach for me. Evidently they had gone to run the rule over Colin Irwin in our match at Villa Park and I had a good game and impressed Ken Brown. The next thing was that he came in for me."

"As I said it was out of the blue, but I had no second thoughts about the offer. I grasped the chance to join Norwich because it was obvious that my chances of first team football were much better at Carrow Road."

"I would have liked to have stayed at Liverpool, of course I would, but my chances would be much quicker coming at Norwich. I mean how long can you wait, and remember I was queuing up behind Phil Thompson, Alan Hansen, Colin Irwin and Richard Money at the time."

Well he did not have to wait too long at his new club because on Boxing Day Dave stepped out for his Football League debut amidst the excitement of a local derby at Portman Road.

"It went quite well although we were beaten 2-0 by Ipswich," he says. "We played some lovely football and I think I handled Paul Mariner quite well."

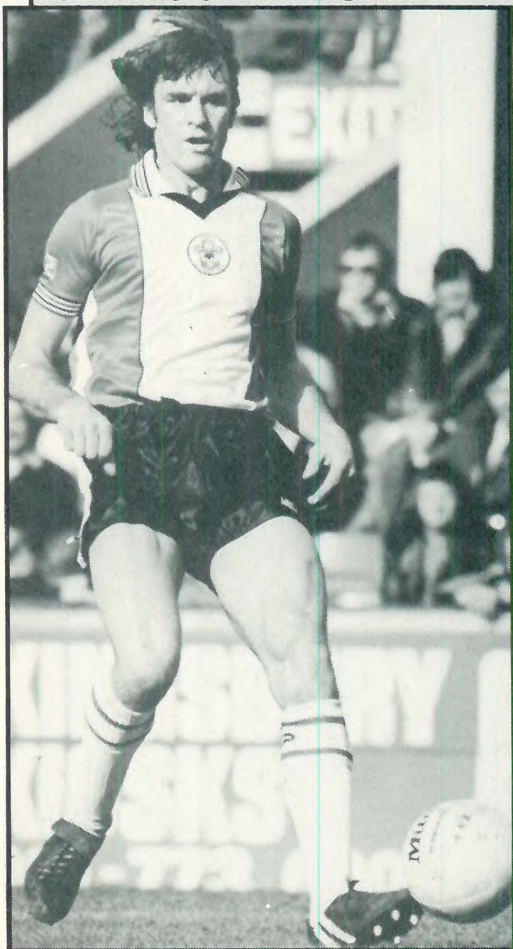
It turned out to be a bitter sweet season for Dave when City were eventually relegated: "Yes it was a blow at the time," he agrees. "But there is no more worrying about it because we are now too involved in the current programme."

"We have continued to play the same game as we did in the First Division with me picking up the big centre-forwards. We normally play one central defender on the right the other on the left and sometimes we adopt a man-to-man marking system, but it is great I am really enjoying it."

"How does it compare with Liverpool? Well you can't compare many places with



Double take! (Above) Dave Watson of Norwich City and (left) his more famous namesake, Dave Watson of Southampton and England.



Liverpool, but I would say that the attitude of the lads at Norwich is very much the same. It is the experienced backroom staff at Liverpool that makes the difference."

What then of the future for this talented 19-year-old defender? "I take one thing at a time and the immediate concern of everyone at Norwich is to regain our position in the First Division. Promotion is the main target, although I wouldn't mind winning a few cups on the way."

Young Dave's appearances in the yellow shirt have proved a costly exercise for the club however . . .

Under the agreement which took him to Carrow Road his £50,000 fee was to be doubled on completion of 25 senior appearances.

And by the end of last season Dave already had 22 first team outings to his name.

But as far as manager Ken Brown is concerned it's money well spent!



'I heard that!'
P. G. Reeves, of Leicester, hands out a backward glance that spells trouble . . .



'Now you've done it!'
What focus on referees would be complete without a glare from Porthcawl's Clive Thomas . . .

I'M IN CHARGE!

THE antics of our football referees often bring a moment of fun to what is for the most part a very serious business.

The signals and smiles, grimaces and glares are all captured here in this special picture focus on the men in the middle . . .

Funny man!
Brian Hill, of Wellingborough, has the last laugh.



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Hand-ball!

"Now this is called a football son and you kick it around the field." Ray Toseland (Market Harborough).

Take that!

"And you can let go of my foot too!" Referee Keith Hackett, of Sheffield, shows Leeds defender Frank Gray the yellow card.





Dixie McNeil

TARGET 250

... but I wish I'd had a chance in the top flight.

Target 250 goals – but no top flight club has considered giving Wrexham striker Dixie McNeil a chance.

WREXHAM striker Dixie McNeil chases his 250th League goal this season realising that his incredible goalscoring record has seemingly gone totally unnoticed in the First Division.

With 226 goals in 465 League appearances with five different clubs, Dixie has remained one of the most feared strikers outside the First Division.

Yet, despite his reputation and the fact that he was the country's top scorer in successive seasons during a spell with Hereford in the seventies, no top club has ever considered giving him a chance... and that hurts the likeable striker.

"I do think it's a shame that I have never had a chance in the First Division," says Dixie, who has been his club's top scorer in seven of the past nine seasons.

"I was involved with a First Division club at Leicester when I first came into professional football, but I was never given the chance and on reflection I probably wasn't ready at that time.

"In the last ten seasons I have been banging in the goals fairly consistently, but no First Division club has shown any interest as far as I am aware.

"If your game is all about scoring goals then I'm surprised that the bigger clubs

don't gamble more on a proven goalscorer.

"Let's face it, they pay huge fees for players who never produce the goals in return.

"If I was in a First Division side with a winger then I'm sure I would do reasonably well.

"Time is running out for me, but one always lives in hope.

"I hope to collect a few more goals this season and I expect to be around again the following season. There's plenty of life in me yet."

Dixie needs 24 goals this season to reach the 250-mark and only two current players are above him — Derby's Kevin Hector on 261 and Carlisle player-manager Bryan 'Pop' Robson on 238.

But Dixie, Wrexham's top scorer last season with 13 goals, knows he faces a tall order to reach the landmark this term.

"It's getting harder all the time to score goals because defences are much better organised now and the chances are more limited.

"A few seasons ago you would probably get half a dozen chances in a game, but now that's limited to about three.

"I would be happy if I did manage 24 goals, but I think I would settle for between 15 and 20 and, of course, it all depends on

the success of the team.

"If the team is playing well then it makes the striker's job that much easier.

"We've got a new manager this season in Mel Sutton and we hope we can produce more consistent results at home. It was our home performances which let us down last season."

Can Wrexham emulate the success of Welsh rivals Swansea and reach the First Division?

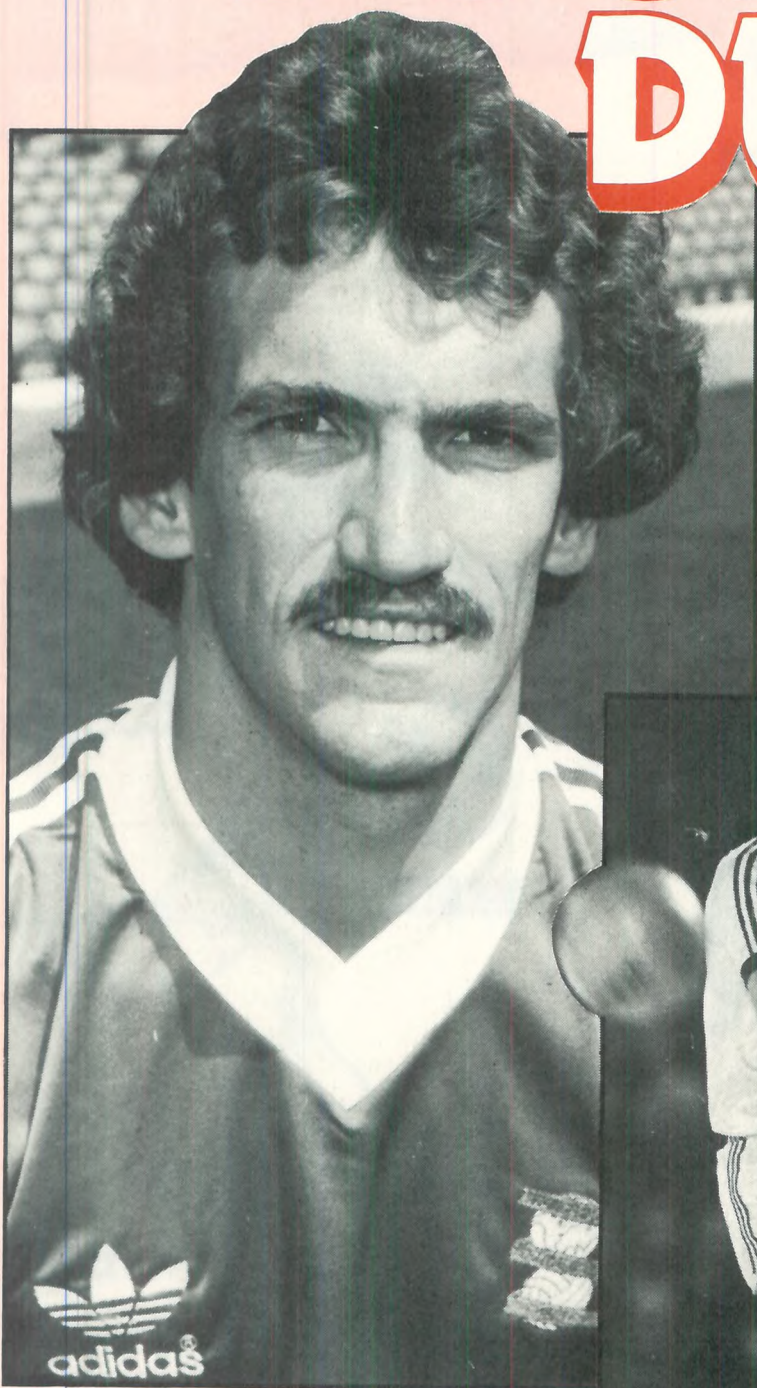
"Their success has been like a dream come true, although it's not gone down too well in Wrexham.

"We've only been in the Second Division three seasons but there is certainly a First Division set-up here. Whether it will be achieved in my time as a player is another matter."

DIXIE'S RECORD

Club	League Apps	Goals
Exeter	31	17
Northampton	84	33
Lincoln	96	53
Hereford	128	85
Wrexham	126	44
Total	465	226

Birmingham's **DOUBLE DUTCH** strike force



Above: Dutch striker Tony Van Mierlo, Birmingham's £160,000 buy from Willem II.

Blues manager Jim Smith nipped over to Holland in the close season and signed Dutch internationals Tony Van Mierlo and Bud Brocken from Willem II.

And 24-year-old Tony justified Jim Smith's faith immediately by scoring on his opening day debut at Everton after four minutes.

The goal came from a corner by his fellow countryman Bud Brocken and was flicked on to Tony by Phil Hawker.



Right: Birmingham youngster Phil Hawker- his corner made it a goalscoring debut for Tony Van Mierlo.

"It was a tremendous way to start a career with a new club-it's something you dream about."

And Tony had plenty of time to dream about how he would start with the Midlands club because his transfer to Birmingham was more or less fixed a year before he actually arrived at St. Andrews.

He explains: "I'd just signed a two year contract with Willem when I heard that Birmingham were interested in me.

"So I gave them my word that if I decided to come to England I would sign for them.

"At the time of Birmingham's initial interest things looked bright at Willem but they later hit financial problems and it was obvious they'd have to sell."

Difference

That's why the club accepted Jim Smith's offer of £160,000 for Tony and £110,000 for right winger Bud.

"I'm used to Bud's style of play and it's also been a relaxation being able to talk to someone on my own language."

It took the Dutch duo just one game to notice the difference between the First Division and the Netherlands' League.

"It's so much more physical over here- and it's a lot faster.

"In England players are running about for the full 90 minutes, whereas in Holland there will be intervals in the game where the pace is much slower."

But Tony, who's signed a two year contract with the Midlands club, knows that there's two difficult seasons ahead.

"We've got to be satisfied with the same sort of results as last year," he admitted.

"Three players left St Andrews in the close season so it's going to take some time before the new players get used to each other.

"I reckon we should be in a position to start challenging for honours next term," he added.



Spain '82



Coruna



Gijon



Bilbao



Vigo

Oviedo

Valladolid



MADRID

PORTUGAL



Seville



Elche



Malaga



World Cup



Barcelona

Zaragoza

Valencia

Alicante

MORE than 100 nations have taken part in the qualifying rounds of the World Cup.

For the first time, there will 24 teams in the Finals and they will be drawn from:

Europe: 13 nations plus Spain, the host country.
South America: Three nations plus Argentina, the holders.

Africa: Two nations.

Asia and Oceania: Two nations.

Rest of the World: Two nations.

The matches will be played in 14 towns and cities throughout Spain and will be organised into six leagues of four in the first phase.

The top two teams in each league will go forward to the second phase when the 12 survivors will be split into four groups of three teams each.

Each team will play against the other two and the overall winner of each group will make up the semi-finalists.

The opening match of the Finals will be played in Barcelona on June 13 and the first phase of the competition will be staged between June 14 and 25.

The six groups will be played off in the following cities and towns.

Group 1 - La Coruna/Vigo.

Group 2 - Oviedo/Gijon.

Group 3 - Elche/Alicante

Group 4 - Valladolid/Bilbao.

Group 5 - Zaragoza/Valencia.

Group 6 - Malaga/Seville

The twelve matches in the second phase staged between June 28 and July 5, will be centred on Barcelona and Madrid.

The semi-finals will be held in Barcelona and Seville on July 8, with the final in Madrid on July 11, one day after the third and fourth place play-off.

The draw for the final groupings will be made in January when the qualifying rounds are complete.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Year	Venue	Winners	Runners-up	Third	Fourth
1930	Uruguay	Uruguay	4 Argentina	2 (USA and Yugoslavia)	
1934	Italy	Italy*	2 Czechoslovakia	1 W. Germany	3 Austria
1938	France	Italy	4 Hungary	2 Brazil	4 Sweden
1950	Brazil	Uruguay	2 Brazil	1 Sweden†	Spain
1954	Switzerland	W. Germany	3 Hungary	2 Austria	3 Uruguay
1958	Sweden	Brazil	5 Sweden	2 France	6 W. Germany
1962	Chile	Brazil	3 Czechoslovakia	1 Chile	1 Yugoslavia
1966	England	England*	4 W. Germany	2 Portugal	2 Russia
1970	Mexico	Brazil	4 Italy	1 W. Germany	1 Uruguay
1974	W. Germany	W. Germany	2 Holland	1 Poland	1 Brazil
1978	Argentina	Argentina*	3 Holland	1 Brazil	2 Italy

*after extra time

†placings in final pool

THE TOP TEN

ARGENTINA

EMERGED as a prominent soccer power by winning the last World Cup which they hosted in 1978, beating Holland 3-1 after extra time in a thrilling final.

They have appeared in six finals, including the first in 1930 when they finished runners-up to host country Uruguay.

Their stars include MARIO KEMPES, top scorer in the last World Cup, Tottenham pair OSVALDO ARDILES and RICKY VILLA, and the youngster regarded as the greatest player since Pele, DIEGO MARADONA.

ENGLAND

HAVING failed to reach the last two finals, England will be hoping to make an impression this time.

After winning the World Cup in England in 1966, they lost in the quarter-finals four years later in Mexico when West Germany achieved revenge for their final defeat.

Their best performance in the European Championships came in 1968 when they finished third in Italy.

The men likely to catch the eye in Spain if England make it are GLENN HODDLE, BRYAN ROBSON, PAUL MARINER and KEVIN KEEGAN.

BRAZIL

THE most successful World Cup side, having appeared in all eleven finals and winning it three times — 1958 in Sweden, 1962 in Chile and 1970 in Mexico.

They were also runners-up to Uruguay in 1950 and were third twice, in 1938 and in Argentina last time.

On their last European venture in the World Cup they finished fourth in West Germany in 1974.

Now following in the footsteps of legendary figures like Pele and Jairzinho are ZICO, described as the "white Pele", and REINALDO.

ITALY

ITALY have been one of the most successful European teams in the World Cup, having won the coveted trophy in 1934, when it was staged in Italy, and again four years later in France.

Since then they have been runners-up to Brazil in 1970 and were fourth in Argentina, having again lost to Brazil in the play-offs.

They won the European Championships on their own soil in 1968 and finished fourth last year when it was again staged in Italy.

The men to watch in Spain are CLAUDIO GENTILE, MARCO TARDELLI and ANTONIO CABRINI.

BELGIUM

BELGIUM, runners-up to West Germany in the 1980 European Championships, haven't been in the World Cup Finals since 1970 when they won their one and only game so far. . . 3-0 against El Salvador.

They appeared in the 1930, 1934 and 1954 Finals.

They impressed European soccer followers with their form in Italy in 1980 when their key men were JAN CEULEMANS, FRANCOIS VAN DER ELST and RENE VANDEREYCKEN.

SPAIN

AMONG the favourites for the competition mainly because it is being stage in Spain.

Five of the 11 finals have been won by the host country, including three of the last four, so that's a pointer in Spain's favour.

Their best performance in the finals was joint third place back in 1950 but they have been showing impressive form recently including a 2-1 win at Wembley over England.

Their only major success, the European Championship, was achieved in 1964 when staged in Spain.

Key men include JESUS ZAMORA, LUIS ARCONADA and JUAN ASENSI.

SCOTLAND

SCOTLAND will be hoping to erase the memory of the disappointment of their performances in the last two finals when they failed to make the second stage.

In 1974 they finished third in their group despite being unbeaten, and in Argentina they defeated the eventual runners-up Holland after losing to Peru and drawing with Iran.

They have made two other appearances in the finals, back in 1958 and 1954.

Men to look for in Spain are Liverpool duo GRAEME SOUNESS and KENNY DALGLISH and big JOE JORDAN, now in Italy with AC Milan.

AUSTRIA

AUSTRIA have only appeared in three finals, but on two of those, in 1934 and 1938, they reached the semi-finals.

They finished fourth in 1934 and third four years later.

Their next appearance was in Argentina where, although finishing last in their group in the second round, they did beat defending champions West Germany 3-2.

One of their key men is striker HANS KRANKL who has just returned to Rapid Vienna after two years with Barcelona.

WEST GERMANY

WEST Germany are again expected to be a power in Spain.

They lifted the trophy in 1954 in Switzerland and again twenty years later when hosting the competition.

They were also runners-up to England in 1966 and were third in 1934 and 1970, and fourth in 1958.

West Germany are the current European Champions, having won the title for the second time in Italy last year when defeating Belgium in the final.

Their leading players are KARL HEINZ RUMMENIGGE, HORST HRUBESCH and BERND SCHUSTER.

RUSSIA

RUSSIA haven't been in the World Cup finals since reaching the quarter-finals at Mexico in 1970.

But they have shown at club level, especially with European Cup Winners' Cup winners Dinamo Tbilisi, that they could be a force this time.

They looked a well-disciplined side when drawing 0-0 in Wales recently when their key players were KIPPIANI and CHIVADZE.

Their best performance in the World Cup came in England in 1966 when they finished fourth.

In the European Championship, they were the first winners of the event back in 1960 when staged in France. They were also runners-up in 1972 and 1964 and fourth in 1968.



Above: Northern Ireland's Jimmy Nicholl. . . "Brazil look far stronger in defence than in recent years." Below right: Peter Nicholas, of Wales, also goes for Brazil. "They should have no real problem in setting down in Spain."

PETER NICHOLAS WALES

predicts . . . Brazil The flair is back . . .

I'M looking no further than to Brazil to win the World Cup for the fourth time.

They are the bookies' favourites and I can see them winning the trophy even though the finals are being played in Europe.

They produced some impressive performances on their recent European tour so they should have no real problem in settling down in Spain.

When they defeated England at Wembley there were signs of all the old flair and skill of the Brazilian teams that dominated world football in the sixties and early seventies.

They've got some world class players in the team who seem to be able to turn on the magic when needed and I can see them taking the trophy back to South America once again.

SPAIN '82



World Cup



WHO WILL WIN IT?

**MARK LAWRENSON
EIRE**

*Right:
Mark Lawrenson,
Eire, goes for
West Germany to
win their third
World Cup.*

*tips. . .
West Germany*

WEST Germany will take full advantage of the European venue and win their third World Cup.

The fact that the finals are being staged in Europe convinces me that the European champions can lift the trophy again.

I believe they're way ahead of anyone else in the competition and will certainly be the team to beat.

Despite Brazil's successful summer tour of Europe I can't see them beating the Germans in Spain. Obviously holders Argentina will be in with a shout, but they'll find it a lot harder on this side of the world.

**VIV ANDERSON
ENGLAND**

*. . . Argentina
Even stronger!*

ARGENTINA must have a very good chance of retaining the World Cup.

Players like Mario Kempes, Daniel Pasarella and Osvaldo Ardiles shone through when they won the trophy last time.

Since then Diego Maradona has appeared on the scene so they must be even stronger this time.

One can't rule out Brazil or West Germany, while Spain might surprise a few people particularly as the host country tends to do well.

But I'm sticking with Argentina.

**JIMMY NICHOLL
N. IRELAND**

*. . . Brazil
They have the
right blend*

I'm taking Brazil to show us the kind of form that made them such a brilliant side in the late sixties and early seventies.

They won with plenty to spare against England at Wembley in May where I thought they looked far more stronger in defence than in recent years.

**FIVE STARS
PREDICT
WHO WILL
LIFT THE
WORLD CUP
'82**

**JOHN WARK
SCOTLAND**

*. . . Argentina
Maradona
is a gem*

I'm taking Argentina to retain the World Cup.

Some people might claim that they only won the trophy last time because it was played in Argentina, but I feel they won on merit.

They have a number of world class players in their side like Osvaldo Ardiles, Daniel Pasarella and Mario Kempes.

And since their success in 1978 they have discovered a real gem of a player in Diego Maradona. He was superb when they defeated us in Glasgow two years ago.

Brazil and West Germany will also be in the reckoning but I'm backing Argentina.

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'I'D PLAY IN GOAL'

... just to get a game for England says ADRIAN HEATH

STOKE'S talented young forward Adrian Heath still looks at the record books to convince himself that his two-goal debut for the England Under-21 side in April was not a dream.

And from that fairytale introduction to the international scene, the 20 year-old midfielder player hopes that it will eventually lead to senior recognition.

"That may be some way off yet, but at least I have cleared the first hurdle by playing for the Under-21s," says Adrian, whose two goals came in the

3-0 defeat of Rumania and boosted England's chances of reaching the last eight in the European Championship.

"I've got to get more consistency into my game and it will also depend on the kind of publicity and success Stoke get in the near future.

"We've got a new manager here in Richie Barker and I'm certain we can finish well into the top half of the table which would be some achievement for the club.

"I just hope I can carry on my success at the end of last season when I picked up three Under-21 caps."

Adrian's selection for England came at a time when his career was at a low ebb.

He says: "When I had been playing well earlier in the season there was never a any suggestion of an England call.

Surprise

"Then came the old stories about being a northern player in an unfashionable club and all this played on my mind.

"I also picked up a couple of nagging injuries during the season and when I was called into the squad for the Rumanian game it came as a big boost because I was really low."

It came as even more of a surprise when manager Dave Sexton asked Adrian whether he would play as striker.

"When it's England you would play in goal just to get a game," says Adrian, who is just 5ft. 6ins. tall.

"I've played in three different roles for England and although I prefer midfield at the moment, in time I think I might be suited to playing just behind the front men. Like



Above: Stoke's Adrian Heath - dream debut for England.

Left: Coventry's Garry Thompson - a great player to have on your side says Adrian.



Eric Gates at Ipswich, my strength is running at defenders.

"But I was quite happy to play as a striker and I had a dream start with a goal after only 13 minutes when Garry Thompson headed the ball down for me.

"It was great playing with Garry for you can always be certain that he will win most things in the air and you have just got to be ready to pick up the pieces.

"He also had a hand in my second goal after scoring one himself.

"But apart from scoring two goals I also felt that I played well and did myself justice.

"Dave Sexton obviously thought so too because I kept my place for the matches in Switzerland (0-0) and Hungary (2-1).

"Now it's up to me to keep pushing my name forward by producing some consistent performances at Stoke."

THE MATCH WINNERS - 3

Men whose moment of magic clinched glory

MATCH WINNER.....

TREVOR BROOKING (ENGLAND) V HUNGARY,
GROUP FOUR WORLD CUP QUALIFIER,
NEP STADIUM, JUNE 6, 1981

THE GOAL I'LL NEVER FORGET

WEST HAM'S midfielder star Trevor Brooking reserved one of the best goals of his illustrious career for England's most important match in years.

England needed to beat Hungary in the Nep Stadium to stand a chance of going to Spain next year.

After a shock 2-1 defeat at the hands of the Swiss part-timers in Basle, England had to win a tough game against Hungary.

Trevor got two goals in England's 3-1 win - the second was a beauty.

"I'll never forget the sight of that ball stuck between the stanchions - it was great," said Trevor.

"I can remember the build-up so clearly. Phil Neal played the ball into the penalty area where skipper Kevin Keegan picked it up.

"Kevin slipped his marker and stroked the ball to me.

"My main concern as I steadied myself was to keep my head down and hit the ball on target - it left my foot just right.

"The players around me weren't sure where it would end up but I knew exactly where the ball was headed," added Trevor.

Trevor, who scored West Ham's winner in the 1980 FA Cup Final against Arsenal at Wembley, still rates the goal as the 'most important of my career'.

"It's vital that we get to Spain and at the time victory was absolutely essential - nothing else would have rescued our World Cup Final hopes," he added.

England's other goal was scored by Kevin Keegan.



CELEBRATION... Kevin Keegan and Trevor in jubilant mood after the game with Bill Taylor of the England coaching staff.

SAMMY McIlroy

Manchester United
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KEVIN RATCLIFFE **EVERTON**
and **WALES**

**WEMBLEY!
AT LAST!**

**I TOLD YOU WE'D MAKE IT
IF WE PERSEVERED!**

**WITH A CAPTAIN LIKE
ME, WE'VE GOT IT MADE!**

**YES, I KNOW,
BUT —**

**WHAT'S THE
MATTER
NOW, TUB?**

**PRE-MATCH NERVES? — LOOK, WE'VE
BEEN OVER OUR STRATEGY A
THOUSAND TIMES!**

FOOTBALL CRAZY BY MITCH

**LOOK AT WALLY! —
HE'S ON TOP FORM!**

**AND AS
FOR SAM**

**...HE'S NEVER
PLAYED
BETTER!**

**IT'S NOT OUR PLAYING
THAT'S WORRYING ME!**

**OK. THEN, OUT WITH
IT — WHAT IS
WORRYING YOU?**

**DON'T YOU
THINK
WE'LL GET
INTO
TROUBLE...**

**...IF THEY FIND OUT WE
SNEAKED IN OVER
THE FENCE?**

WEMBLEY STADIUM

CLOSED

It's not going
to be easy for
Palace but..

IT'S UP TO US!

TWO years ago Crystal Palace were being hailed as the 'Team of the Eighties'. They were to challenge mighty Liverpool's superiority in this decade.

But within 14 months the gauntlet that had been thrown down at Liverpool's feet duly slapped manager Terry Venables in the face as the 'Team of the Eighties' suddenly became the First Division's whipping boys.

Venables quit Selhurst Park for Queen's Park Rangers and Palace became riddled with boardroom takeovers, managerial changes and player revolts.

As the internal problems mounted, the side sunk closer and closer towards the Second Division, eventually finishing 13 points adrift at the bottom.

Ernie Whalley and Malcolm Allison sat in the manager's chair for brief spells before Dario Gradi came across London in the Wimbledon take-over to try and pick up the pieces.

And Ian Walsh, Palace's Welsh international striker, is optimistic about the club's chances of rising from the ashes of last season's disaster to become a top First Division side.

"Palace is a First Division club. The ground and set-up belongs in the top division and there is plenty of crowd potential, but it's up to the players to put them there," he says.

"I know it's not going to be easy, but I think the squad is good enough to get straight back so long as we get a successful start to the season.

"The signings of Tommy Langley, Steve Wicks and David Price have strengthened the squad and their experience will be of great benefit.

"But we've got to be there or thereabouts at Christmas for the promotion charge. Usually there are four or five teams in the running at the turn of the year and we must be one of them.

"If not, then we are going to get the same kind of stick we received from everybody last season.

"All the managerial and boardroom upheavals really took its toll on the team. Without all those problems we might have been able to stay in the First Division.

"None of the players had any confidence and every match was a struggle.

"We had four different managers in the space of a few weeks and they all had their own ideas on team selection.

"We never knew from one week to the next whether we would be in the team and that wasn't good for morale.

"I just hope that this

season we can get a settled side because we want to get back into the First Division where this club belongs."

It's particularly important to Ian that Palace have a successful season.

"I'm under pressure to play consistently well this season in the Second Division to keep my place in the Welsh team," he points out.

"With Swansea now in the First Division, their players will all be constantly in the limelight and playing against the top players.

"If a Welsh striker is not playing that well in the First he might still get the vote over me if I'm not at my best in the Second because he's getting regular experience at the top level.

"With this being World Cup year, I can't afford to miss out."

Welsh striker Ian Walsh — optimistic about Crystal Palace's chances of restoring their pride.

WHY I LEFT CITY

'There's more chance of success at West Brom'

EXCITING England Under 21 midfield star Steve Mackenzie is hungry for success—that's why he's joined West Bromwich Albion.

The 19-year-old readily admits that he didn't want to leave Manchester City and had expected to start this season at Maine Road. "But when Albion's new manager Ronnie Allen came in for me I decided I'd have a better chance of success at The Hawthorns than if I stayed at Manchester.

"The set up at West Brom is very impressive and Ronnie is ambitious for success," said Steve.

"My big regret at leaving City was to lose contact with some great friends - especially Tommy Caton, Ray Ranson, Nicky Reid and Dave Bennett.

Albion's original interest in Steve was sparked off when City manager John Bond tried to swap him for England winger Peter Barnes.

"That fell through when Leeds boss Allan Clarke nipped in and signed Peter, but Ronnie Allen kept up his interest in me."

Steve has been well pleased with the way he's settled into the Albion line-up this season.

"I'm playing as a central midfielder in Albion's 4-4-2 formation and it suits me fine because I played there last season with City.

One of the first differences he noticed on his arrival at West



Brom was the more relaxed atmosphere compared to City.

"There was much more discipline under John Bond - he dished out a lot of fines to players who turned up late and for small breaches of club rules.

"But the City lads never complained because when he took over there was definitely a need for a stricter approach - and it worked because he got us to Wembley.

Steve regards City's epic battle against Spurs in last season's dramatic FA Cup Final as the highlight of his short career.

"When John Bond took over everything snowballed and the next thing we knew City were at Wembley.

Steve played his part in a memorable final by hitting one of the best goals seen at Wembley to score City's equaliser in the replay.

"Although the season ended in disappointment for us - being on the losing side in an FA Cup Final - it was a great confidence booster for me personally."



Steve is mobbed by City players after scoring in the FA Cup Final replay last season. "Although the season ended in disappointment for us - being on the losing side - it was a great confidence booster for me personally," he says.

THE game's a pain - it's the moment every player dreads as they go crashing to the deck. Match takes a look at football's more painful moments . . .

Left: It's Ipswich on the receiving end again. This time their skipper Mick Mills is about to feel the full force of a challenge from an opposing defender.

Below: Everton's Trevor Ross collapses in a heap after a challenge.



OUCH!

Below: Ipswich and England striker Eric Gates goes down as Southampton's fiery Alan Ball protests his innocence.



Above: Battered, bruised and toothless . . . that's Spurs' heroic defender Graham Roberts.

SPOTLIGHT on the other life of two of the capital's top players... Chelsea's Yugoslav international goalkeeper Peter Borota and Crystal Palace skipper Jim Cannon.



Petar — one of the most colourful players in the game — in action for Second Division Chelsea.

Far right: Off to training — Petar sets off for Stamford Bridge in his car.

Right: Lucky black cat — Petar and his daughter Barbara in their Putney Hill home.



Petar poses with his attractive wife Biba.

PETAR BOROTA CHELSEA





Above: Games time for the Cannon family. Jim plays a game with his daughter Laura.



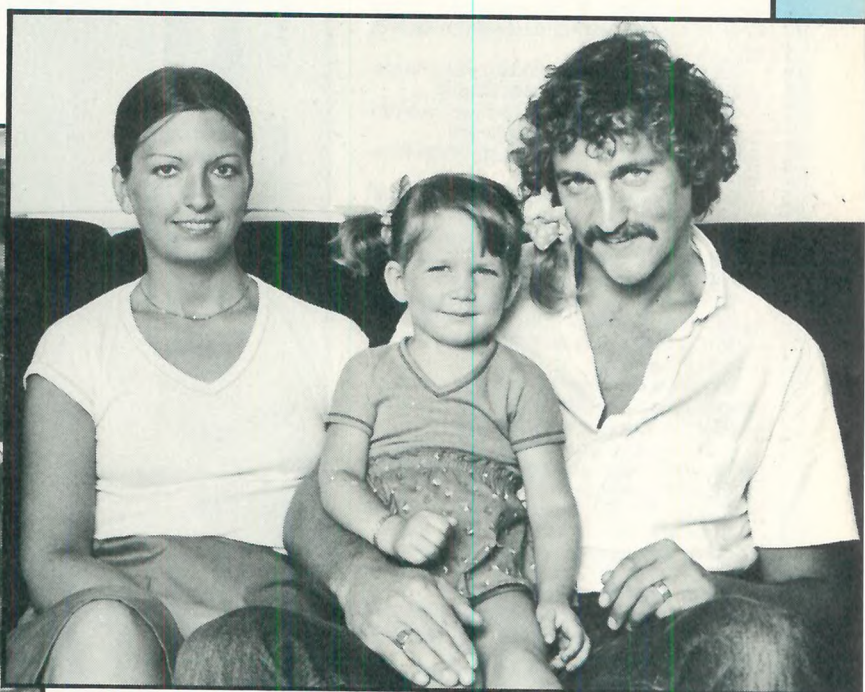
As the fans see him every Saturday — in action for Palace against Everton's Mick Lyons and Billy Wright from last season.

JIM CANNON

CRYSTAL PALACE



Hi-fi enthusiast Jim tries out his stereo equipment.



Above: Family man. Jim with his wife Lynn and four-year-old daughter Laura.

WALES DESERVE MORE

CREDIT

insists 'keeper
Dai Davies

GIVE Wales the recognition they deserve . . . that's the plea from goalkeeper Dai Davies.

"We keep beating England, but the pundits still loathe to give us any credit.

"Our country has reached a platform where unless we win something we won't be recognised as a good team.

"We've had some great results over the last couple of years, but we're still not getting the credit we deserve."

Dai puts the Welsh team's success down to the fact that the team plays like a club side.

"We realise that we can't play the game as a team of individuals so we perform as a club side does — everyone working for each other.

"We've also been lucky to have had two very good managers in recent times — Mike England carrying on the good work started by Mike Smith (now with Hull)."

The Welsh squad now stands on the verge of what could be only their second ever appearance in the finals of a World Cup — the first being in Sweden as long ago as 1958.

And Dai's the last person who needs telling just how important that is . . .

"Things are looking good for us and I can assure you that the lads are determined not to blow their once-in-a-lifetime chance."

Wales success apart, it's been a good year for the 33-year-old 'keeper — the dawn of the 1981-82 season producing his transfer from Wrexham to Swansea and a return to the First Division.

The move brought him together again with his one-time Wales team-mate John Toshack — now managing the Vetch Field club.

Dai rang the 'Swans' boss about the goalkeeping position when his contract expired at the Racecourse Ground.

"I'd heard rumours that John was interested in me and being a free agent I decided to pick up the 'phone."

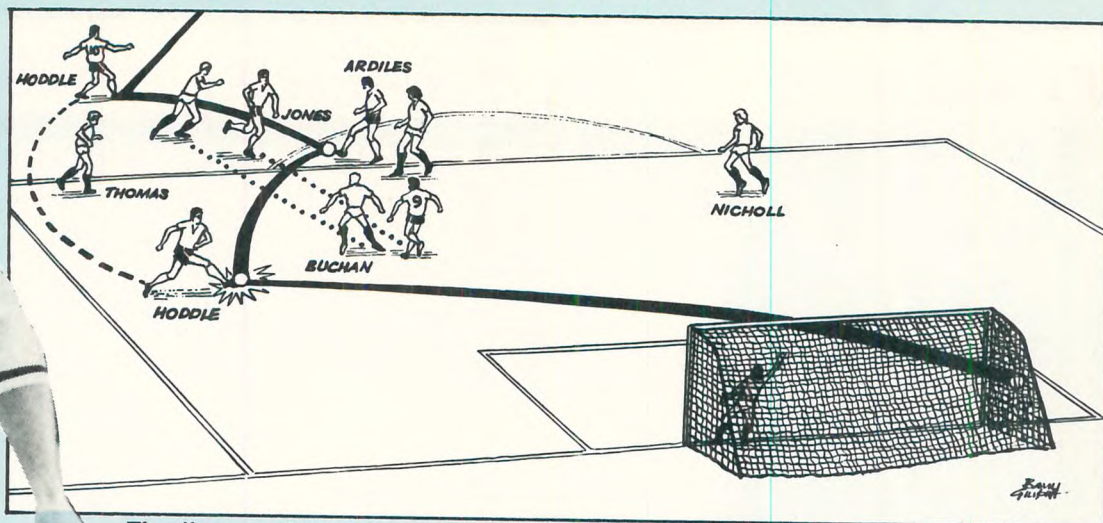
The fee finally had to be decided by an industrial tribunal, but Dai, who made 83 League appearances for Everton before his £8,000 transfer to Wrexham in 1977, was back in the First!

"I had never given up hope of playing in the top flight again and it's great to be back. It's the only place to play."

Right: Swansea goalkeeper Dai Davies: "Give Wales the credit they deserve," he says.

Inset: Mike England — he's carried on the good work of former Wales manager Mike Smith.





The diagram above shows exactly how the move which led to Glenn's 'best ever goal' was built-up.

GLENN HODDLE

SPURS AND ENGLAND TALKS ABOUT

'MY GREATEST GOALS'

SCORING goals has become more and more important to me the longer my career has gone on.

I always used to get a lot of pleasure from making goals for my team-mates... and still do.

But with experience I have learned that it often pays dividends to 'have a go' myself.

And there's no doubt that scoring goals is a big part of my game now.

Spurs v Manchester United (2-1), League Cup, Second Round, first leg, August 29, 1979.

'THIS one must rate as the best I've ever scored.'

We work a lot on set pieces in training and some time after the game at an England get-together, Dave Sexton (then manager of Manchester United)

Ossie's return ball was a little high and I remember I was a bit undecided whether to take it on or hit it first time.

In the split second I settled on the shot and I was so thankful that I did because I saw my right foot volley fly into the top corner of the net.

Immediately afterwards I had the feeling it was something better than I had ever scored before... and the White Hart

Lane crowd only strengthened that belief.

There was still a buzz as Manchester United re-started the game from the centre spot!

At half-time Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw told me it was the best goal he had ever seen.

But the funny thing is that I shouldn't have been in a scoring position in that situation.

Normally for free kicks

around the area I stand on the ball, but for some reason that time I decided to stay up.

England v Spain (1-2), friendly, March 25, 1981.

'THIS particular goal gave me as much satisfaction as any I scored last season.'

GOAL NUMBER ONE

said the goal looked so good, with a lot of players moving around, that we had planned it in advance.

But in actual fact it was a one-off in every sense of the word...

Terry Yorath began the move when he found me with a free-kick on the right.

I flicked it inside to Ossie Ardiles and then ran round the back of Mickey Thomas (now with Everton).

Goal! Glenn hits a spectacular volley to score England's lone goal against Spain at Wembley.



GOAL NUMBER TWO

Not least because I was playing for England... at Wembley... and it was my third goal in five international appearances.

I remember the ball was headed out by the big Spanish defender Maceda and I made up the ground and decided to hit it first time.

Instinct just took over when the chance presented itself and I volleyed it with my right foot from just outside the box.

MORE GREAT GOALS ON THE NEXT PAGE

Spurs v Nottingham Forest (1-0), Football League, October 27, 1979. 'I'll always remember this one because it came on my 21st birthday!

And the ball never touched the ground from the time Milija Aleksic cleared it upfield to the time it hit the back of the net.

As the ball came down from Alek's kick Chris Jones flicked it on with his head to Gerry Armstrong whose header in turn found me around the edge of the box.

The ball dropped beautifully on to my right foot and I caught it perfectly to send it wide of



**GOAL
NUMBER
FOUR**

before I got the goal.

Kevin Reeves had knocked me in, but the ball just skidded away from me when I should have put the chance away.

Little did I know then that I would make up for it before the end of the game...

Trevor Francis knocked the

'MY GREATEST GOALS'

Forest 'keeper Peter Shilton and into the goal.

It won the television 'Goal of the Season' that year and funnily

**GOAL
NUMBER
THREE**

enough it was scored from around the same area as my volley against Manchester United.

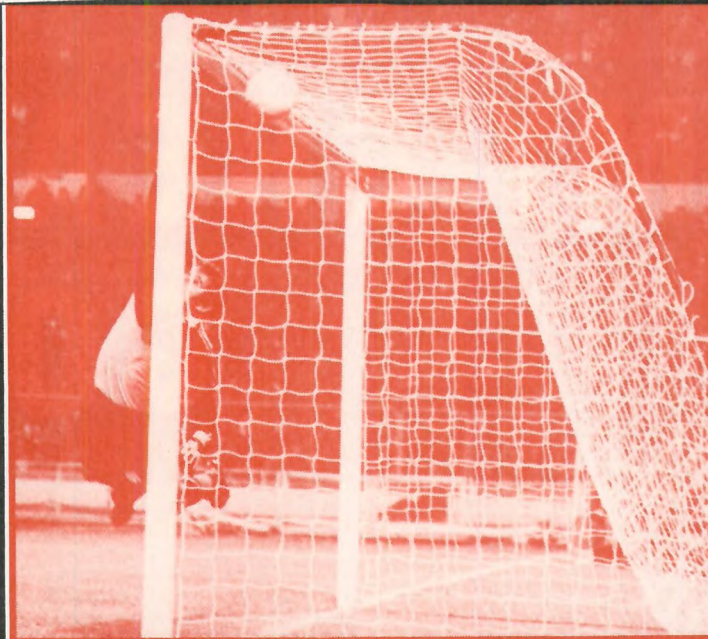
It proved to be the winning goal that day and with it being my birthday, the celebrations went on long into the night.

England v Bulgaria (2-0), European Championship, Group One, November 22, 1979.

'YOU dream about scoring on your international debut and in my case the dream came true.

If you remember the game was fogged off on the night it should have been played and I was more nervous the second time.

In fact I missed an easier chance to score a few minutes



ball across the face of the goal and into my path.

My first instinct was to blast it, but a Bulgarian defender was closing me down so I measured the shot with the inside of my right foot and the ball soared into the net like a diamond.

Stoke v Spurs (1-2), Football League, February 21, 1976.

'WHAT a way to celebrate my first full appearance for Spurs!

This is one I will always treasure because I was only 17 at the time.

Naturally I was very tense to begin with because it was my

**GOAL
NUMBER
FIVE**

debut and it took me a few minutes to settle down.

The goal was a perfect confidence booster though...

I remember John Duncan (now player-manager of Scunthorpe) going for the ball, but it ran loose and came to me.

John Pratt was near me and he shouted: 'Hit it, Glenn'.

I was outside the box, but I caught it really sweetly with my left foot and it screamed into the top right-hand corner of the net and past Peter Shilton in the Stoke goal.

It proved to be the matchwinner.

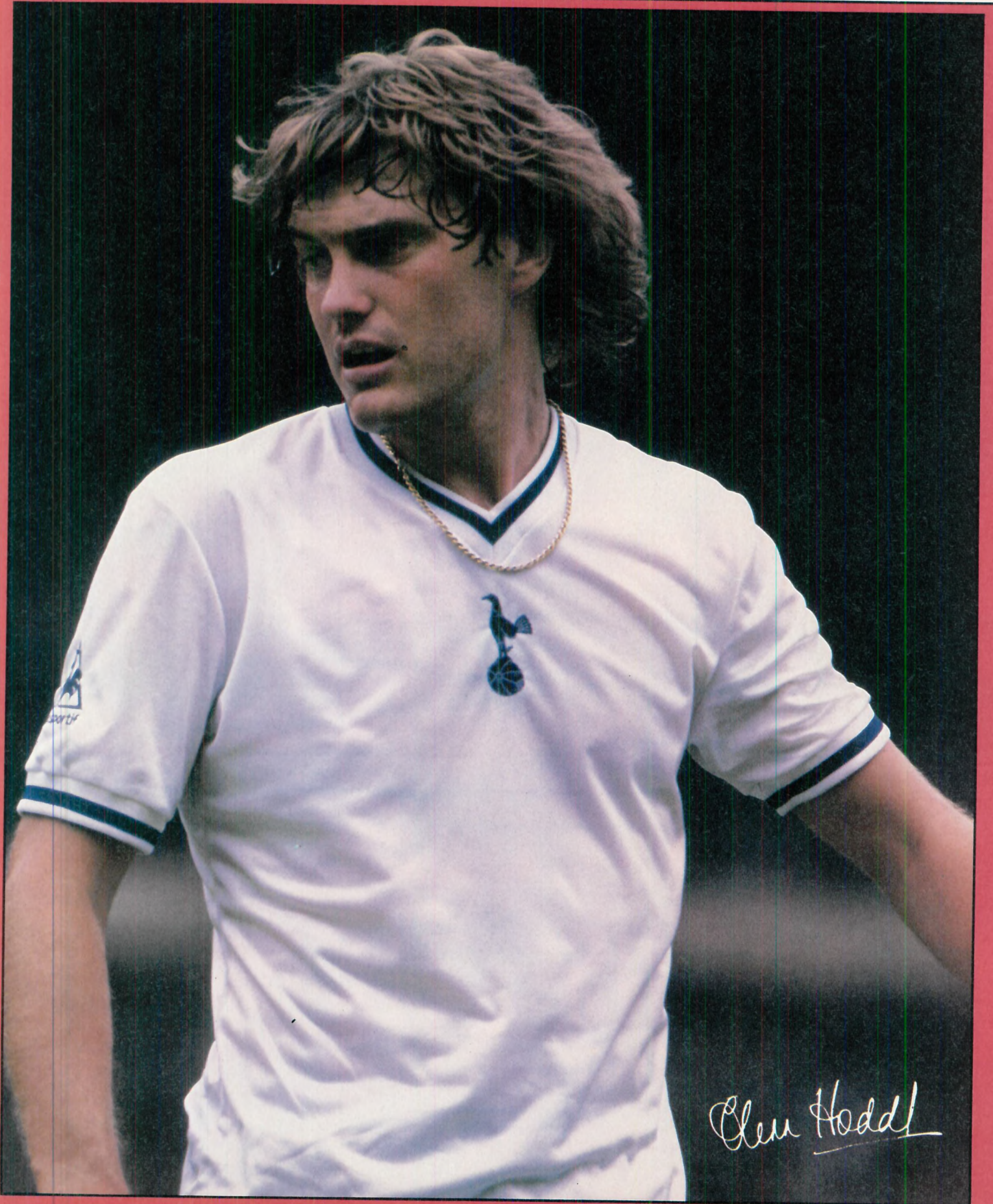


Goal! Glenn's shot is on its way... the ball's in the net... and it's congratulations all the way after scoring on his debut for England at Wembley.

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**STAN
CUMMINS**
SUNDERLAND

A full-page photograph of a soccer player in a white kit with red accents, captured in a dynamic pose as if kicking a ball. The player has curly hair and is smiling. A white soccer ball is visible in the upper left corner. The background shows a grass field and a dark, possibly covered, area.

STAN BOWLES ORIENT

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“ You have your good times in football as well as your bad, and at the moment Newcastle are having a bad period. ”

We can bury

Newcastle will be having a real go for promotion

MEMORIES of a glorious past haunt the new generation of Newcastle players.

The ghosts of those halcyon days pop up in every corner of St James' Park to remind the players of the traditions they are attempting to revive.

It was in the fifties that Newcastle became 'Kings of the Cup' with three Wembley triumphs inspired by the legendary Jackie Milburn, a God-like figure to Geordie fanatics who still revel in the golden memories.

But no longer does the famous stadium rock to the sounds of "Blaydon Races".

Newcastle haven't won a major honour since their Fairs Cup success back in 1969.

In the seventies their only real claim to fame was an appearance in a one-sided FA Cup Final at Wembley when two-goal Kevin Keegan spearheaded Liverpool to a 3-0 stroll.

As gates slumped and fans mourned the passing of much-adored strikers like Malcolm Macdonald, and Wyn Davies, Newcastle finally fell through the First Division trap door in 1978 after 13 years in the top flight.

And the final crushing blow to the proud Geordies came when arch rivals Sunderland achieved promotion two years ago.

So in a hot-bed of soccer where rivalry is as intense as on Merseyside, extra pressure is on new manager Arthur Cox and his players to bring some overdue success to the loyal fans.

One of the key figures in their rebuilding programme is Eire international Mick Martin who had vast experience with Manchester United and West Brom before joining Newcastle three years ago.

Does this extra pressure affect him?

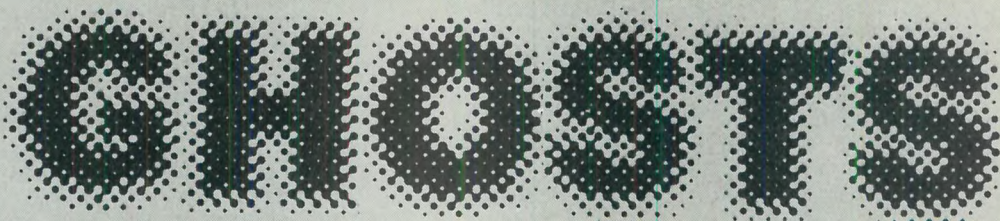
New manager Arthur Cox (left) — can he put the club back on the road to success?

BELOW: Former West Brom player John Trewick, a club record signing at £250,000... now playing in midfield at Newcastle.



Mick Martin (pictured left) — a key figure in Newcastle's re-building programme. The Eire international says: "We don't want to stay under the shadow of Sunderland for too long."

those



"Not really because I've been used to the pressure in the First Division with West Brom and Manchester United," he says.

"But I would think that some of the younger players are probably affected because they know all about the club's famous past.

"Every club goes through lean periods and Newcastle are in the process of rebuilding.

"You have your good times in football as well as your bad times and at the moment Newcastle are having a bad period.

"But we are hoping that new manager Arthur Cox and assistant Tommy Cavanagh can put the club back on the road to success.

"I hope that some of the younger players would have benefitted from the experiences of last season.

"What I can guarantee the Newcastle fans is that we will be having a real go for promotion this season.

"Let's face it we don't want to stay under the shadow of Sunderland for very long.

"The fans have been very patient and there is the potential backing for a successful First Division club.

"When we played Exeter in the FA Cup last season we had 38,000, but after our crushing defeat in the replay, we went down to about 11,000.

"So there is the potential of between 35,000 and 40,000 fans if we can bring them the success they deserve."

When the talented midfield player moved to the North East he hoped Newcastle would bounce straight back to the big time.

"I was relegated during my days with West Brom and Manchester United, but managed to get straight back.

LEFT: Alan Shoulder, only six goals last season, and Mick Harford (below) who found the pressures at St. James' Park too much and moved to Bristol City for £150,000 at the start of the season.



"In my first season here we fell away after a good start and then two seasons ago we were leading until Christmas when injuries upset our team and we finished midway.

"Last season we were just not good enough because we had so many young players in the side.

"I certainly want to get back into the First Division as soon as possible. As a midfield player I find it easier in the First because you have more time on the ball and it's great to play against top class players.

"Even a top class midfield player would struggle in the Second Division because there's more of an accent on strength than skill."

“ I would think that some of the younger players are probably affected because they know all about the club's famous past ”

Ironically, the man given the responsibility of reviving Newcastle's fortunes is a former Sunderland player and assistant manager.

Former Chesterfield boss Arthur Cox helped guide Sunderland to FA Cup glory in 1973.

If he could produce the same kind of magic at Newcastle, then perhaps the fans will be talking more about the Mick Martins, John Trewicks, and Alan Shoulders than dwelling on the memories of the Milburns and Macdonalds.

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Pat Holland (back row, centre) manages a smile as he lines up with the victorious West Ham team after their 1-0 victory over Arsenal in the 1980 FA Cup Final, but as the champagne flowed later that night Pat left the celebrations.

MISSING YOU

...but gutsy Holland vows 'I'll be back'



Pat in action for West Ham: "I know I can come back and regain my first team place."

WEST Ham's popular Pat Holland had a ready answer for the fans who sympathised with him last season for missing out on the 1980 FA Cup Final success.

"Don't worry," he told them. "I'll be back for the League Cup Final."

His prediction almost came true. West Ham sailed into the Final, but sadly for Pat he was once again on the sidelines... the result of another injury to his troublesome right knee.

"It was a bitter blow," Pat says.

"Especially coming so soon after the FA Cup Final.

"Being injured for that one was the biggest setback — because it was the first.

"Coming back on the coach from Wembley was a joke for me. Although I was delighted for the lads, I was choked because I wasn't part of the team.

"I had a couple of drinks with them in the hotel and then retired early to my room.

"Fortunately, 'Bonzo' Bonds came up and shared a couple of lagers with me and that made me feel better."

Pat considers not playing to be the worst part of injuries. Not being part of the team comes a close second.

"There's a chap who stands in the 'chicken run' section of Upton Park who always gives me a bit of stick.

"He came up to me not long ago and said

'When are you going to be back, I'm missing you?'

"I said 'I'm missing you too' and we both had a good laugh about it.

"It was nice to hear that because it upsets me to think that even though I've played more than 300 games for the Hammers I'm still only considered a fringe player.

"A classic example came after my knee operation last January. West Ham were playing Preston on the television and I was just coming out of the hospital theatre when I heard commentator Brian Moore say: 'West Ham are at full strength today'.

"I couldn't believe it. But despite all the setbacks I know I can come back and regain my first team place again.

"John Lyall has always played me when I've been fit and it was interesting to read reports that he wanted to sign Steve Coppell because he's an out-and-out winger like myself. To be honest he's the only player in the country who could keep me out of the side.

"I want to be a coach and later a manager when the time comes to call it a day and being sidelined so often must be good experience for me," he says.

"I'm not saying that you have to be injured before you can be a successful manager, but it's certainly the case with many people like our own John Lyall for instance and Brian Clough."

SPURS' BIG DEBT

Norway helped me so much

PAUL MILLER

TOTTENHAM fans owe a vote of thanks to tiny Norwegian club Skeid Oslo for the maturity of 22-year-old defender Paul Miller.

Paul, who played a big part in Tottenham's FA Cup triumph over Manchester City in May, spent six months in Scandinavia before embarking on his First Division career.

And he believes that short spell in Norway, when he was 18, helped him to mature and develop that much earlier.

"At the time I was thinking about a spell in America to broaden my experience, but manager Keith Burkinshaw suggested a short stay in Norway where Tottenham are really big," recalls London-born Paul.

"I thought I might as well be a big fish in a little pond rather than the other way round at Tottenham and I think the season with Skeid boosted my confidence and broadened my experience, particularly as I was living on my own in a strange country.

"And I did quite well over there with Skeid finishing third in the First Division to qualify for the UEFA Cup.

"Since then Garry Brooke and Terry Gibson have had spells in Scandinavia and, of course, Garry has also broken into the first team squad on a regular basis."

Tottenham were one of the major London sides Paul supported as a schoolboy.

"I never had a particular favourite, but I was a regular visitor to Tottenham, Arsenal, West Ham and Chelsea," says Paul.

"Several clubs, including some from the north, showed interest in me when I was playing for East London Boys, but I didn't want to leave London so I chose Tottenham.

"In that same East London side were Crystal Palace's Jerry Murphy and Millwall's David Gregory."

Paul joined the apprentice ranks at White Hart Lane when Terry Neill was manager, and, after that spell in Norway, he got his First Division chance against Neill's current side, Arsenal, in April, 1979.

"It was some debut playing in a North London derby at Highbury before 55,000 people, but I don't think I did too badly that day," says Paul.



Above: Paul Miller - played in the same East London boys side as Jerry Murphy of Crystal Palace.

Tottenham's Garry Brooke (right) - like Paul Miller he's had a spell in Scandinavia.

"In fact the team played well and we should have been 5-0 up at half-time, but former Spurs goalkeeper Pat Jennings was in one of his unbeatable moods and Arsenal snatched a goal in the last minute to win."

Since then Paul has been a regular in the side culminating in the Wembley triumph last season.

"To win a Cup Final at Wembley is the dream of every young footballer so that has got to be the highlight.

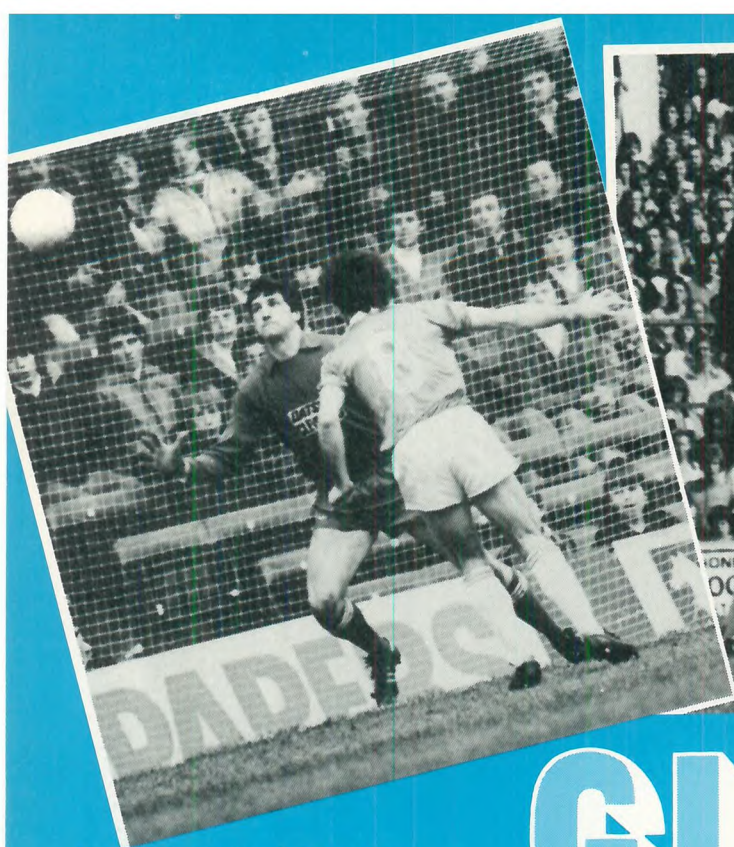
"But that success is now history and Tottenham have got to build on that foundation with a view to winning the championship."

Paul has already begun preparing for the future by going into a sports business and getting involved in coaching, but his football ambitions are nothing more than to be successful with Tottenham.

"Obviously it would be great to play for England, but it's no good building up the hopes," he says.

"Tottenham are my main priority and I want to go on winning things with them. Anything above that would be a tremendous bonus."





GLORIOUS

Above: Birmingham's Tony Evans sends a header into the roof of the net to beat Middlesbrough goalkeeper Jim Platt.

Above right: Up and over. Brighton's Gordon Smith lobs the ball over Spurs keeper Mark Kendall (now Newport) and into the net in a League clash at White Hart Lane.



Above: Wallop! Ipswich Town's Eric Gates (light shirt, left) lets fly with one of his long-range specials to score a breathtaking goal against Everton.

Right: Nottingham Forest penalty king John Robertson sends Coventry goalkeeper Les Sealey the wrong way from the spot to crash in another vital goal for the former European Champions.



GOALS! It's what the game's all about. There's just nothing to beat the magical moment when your favourite team scores.

The drama and excitement of it all is captured here in this picture bonanza . . .

Liverpool goalkeeper Ray Clemence is on his back, but the Manchester United crowd is on it's feet as the ball flies into the Liverpool goal. Goalscorer Jimmy Greenhoff (now in America) is out of picture, but just look at the delight on the face of little Lou Macari (dark shirt).



GOALS!



Above: Goals don't come much more important than this one — Alan Kennedy's winner for Liverpool in this year's European Cup Final against Real Madrid.



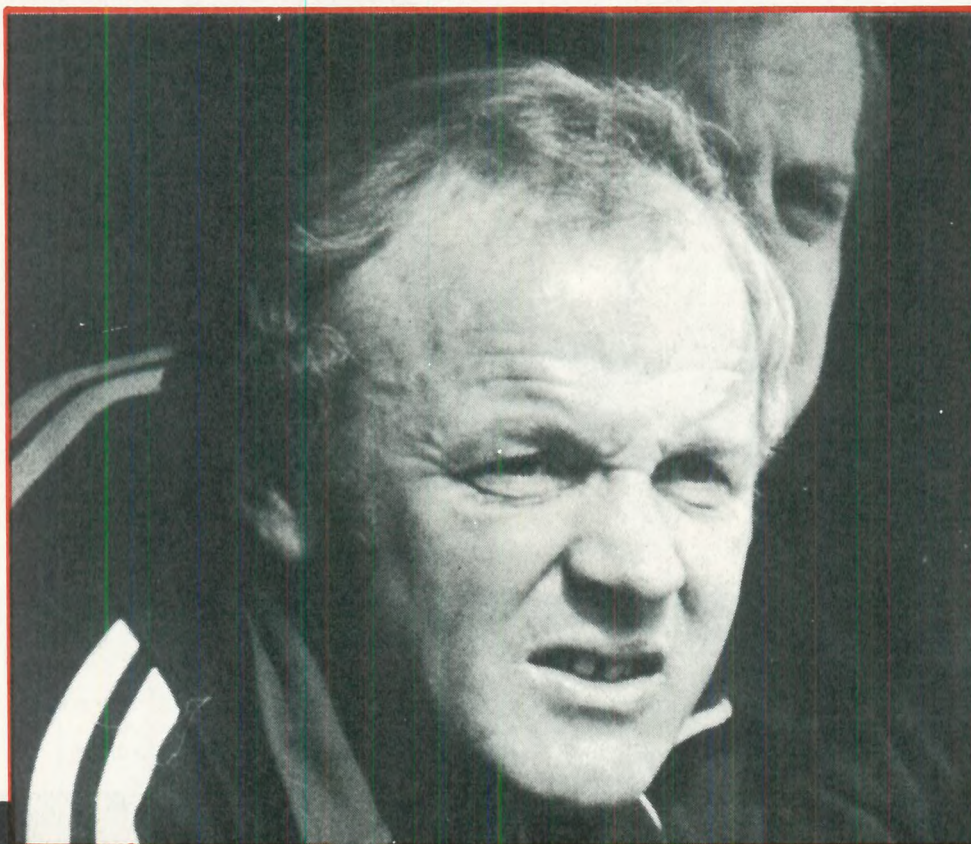
Left: It's there! Liverpool's Terry McDermott scores from the spot in England's 4-0 victory over Norway at Wembley in a World Cup qualifier.

LEEDS THE



Allan Clarke – back at Elland Road hoping to revive the glory days at Leeds.

Below: Billy Bremner took Doncaster into the Third Division after a ten year spell in the Fourth.



SCHOOL

LEEDS United are fast rivalling West Ham as England's premier soccer academy for managers.

Over the past few years West Ham have been traditionally regarded as the most respected breeding ground for top managers.

Men like Manchester City's John Bond, his Maine Road predecessor Malcolm Allison and Coventry's Dave Sexton were all groomed for managerial stardom under the influence of Ron Greenwood, the current England manager.

From the same Hammers' squad emerged Norwich manager Ken Brown, current West Ham boss John Lyall, ex-Manchester United chief Frank O'Farrell and former Coventry manager Noel Cantwell, who is now managing in America.

And from the successful West Ham side of the last decade have come England World Cup heroes Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters, who briefly tasted the pressures of management at Chelsea and Sheffield United respectively.

Ironically, the man Ron Greenwood replaced as England manager, Middle-East-based Don Revie, is now seeing his Elland Road gospel being preached with a certain amount of success in management circles by no fewer than six of his great Leeds side of the late sixties and early seventies.

And four of them, Allan Clarke, Norman Hunter, Jack Charlton and Billy Bremner are all operating within one Peter Lorimer thunderbolt drive of Elland Road.



Jack Charlton enjoys the adoration of the Sheffield Wednesday fans as they celebrate promotion in 1980.

FOR BOSSES

In fact, former England striker Allan Clarke, who once sniffed out goals like a hungry animal, is now in the Elland Road seat attempting to revive those glory days.

He took over the hot seat just at the start of last season after a successful apprenticeship down the road at Barnsley, and quietly and efficiently he began to improve the club's flagging fortunes.

His replacement at Barnsley, Norman Hunter, the fearless defender, duly built on Clarke's foundations and guided the club into the Second Division for the first time since 1959.

There was a similar success for Billy Bremner a few miles down the road at Doncaster.

The former Leeds and Scotland skipper who led by inspiration as a player hauled Doncaster out of the Fourth Division for the first time in ten years in only his second season in charge.

In the same area, big Jack Charlton — who formed an iron defensive partnership with Hunter in that Leeds side — has enjoyed success with Sheffield Wednesday, including promotion from the Third Division. Prior to that he achieved First Division status with Middlesbrough.

Former Leeds and England left-back Terry Cooper has had a testing introduction to management at Bristol Rovers who were relegated to the Third Division last season.

Completing the sextet is former Eire player-manager Johnny Giles who laid the foundations for West Bromwich's revival during his spell in charge at the Hawthorns.

The midfield mastermind is now reaping the same kind of success in the North American League with Vancouver Whitecaps.

So Don Revie looks on with pride as his former stars make great strides in soccer management.

But they will do well to achieve what Revie's Leeds team managed in six glorious years when they became one of the most feared teams in Europe.

Between 1968 and 1974 they won the League Championship twice and were runners-up three times.

They won the FA Cup in 1972 and were beaten finalists in 1970 and 1973. They won the League Cup in 1968 and the Fairs Cup (now the UEFA Cup) in 1969 and 1971.

So were the players influenced by Revie's brand of management?

"You couldn't help but be influenced," says Doncaster's Billy Bremner.

"All the players who have moved into management were always keen to stay in the game. We often talked about becoming managers.

"Not surprisingly most of us are enjoying some success because we were all winners as players.

"I think all of us have our own ideas about the game, but from my point of view I have tried to copy Don Revie's administration.

"He liked everything to run like clockwork which is so important in a successful club and that's what I have tried to do at Doncaster."



Norman Hunter achieved promotion with Barnsley in his first season as manager.

ONLY three players born outside the British Isles have appeared for England in post-war full international matches. They are Ipswich Town's Singapore-born defender Terry Butcher; ex-Blackpool outside-left Bill Perry (South Africa) and Chelsea midfield player Colin Viljoen (also South Africa).

THERE'S a 'common denominator' in the case of Forest striker Trevor Francis, Swansea City raider Robbie James, and Rotherham United central defender Paul Stancliffe. All completed 100 Football League appearances while still teenagers. James was the youngest ever to do it — a month before he reached 18.

BRIAN Kidd (Bolton Wanderers) ranks as the only player ever sent off three times in F.A. Cup ties and Manchester City's Phil Boyer is the only one ever to have been dismissed three times in Football League Cup ties.

WREXHAM have just completed 60 years in the Football League, and in all that time it's been well-nigh impossible to 'keep up with the Joneses' at the Racecourse Ground. In those 60 years the club has had about 60 of the clan. Their latest have been the brothers Joey and Frank Jones.



Ipswich Town's England defender Russell Osman... over 70 matches in a season.

FOOTBALL

FACTS

WHAT other club could have matched Southampton last season in having six players all with at least a dozen years of League life behind them? Alan Ball made his League debut in August, 1962; Mike Channon in April, 1966; Dave Watson in March, 1967; Kevin Keegan and Chris Nicholl both in September, 1968, and Charlie George in August, 1969.

ONLY about one in every hundred players sent off in Football League matches are goalkeepers. In 35 post war seasons only 23 goalkeepers have suffered that fate, with only four of them in the game today. They are Dai Davies (Swansea City), Gary Pierce (Barnsley), Alan Stevenson (Burnley), and Ray Goddard (Wimbledon).

IT WILL be news to most fans that Kevin Keegan holds the unwanted record for having been sent off twice in first class matches in a shorter time than any other current player. In August 1974, when playing with Liverpool, he was dismissed against Kaiserslautern (in West Germany) and Leeds United in the F.A. Charity Shield at Wembley **FIVE DAYS LATER.**

NORTH London neighbours Arsenal and Spurs have now clashed in 92 Football League peace-time matches and there has been only one 0-0 draw among them all — at White Hart Lane in September, 1975!

HOWARD KENDALL was at Preston when North End just missed a drop to Division Three. He won a Division One title medal with Everton in 1969-70 and was with Birmingham when they narrowly avoided relegation three times. He then helped Stoke up to Division One; and led Blackburn Rovers back to Division Two. What will it be this season now he's back at Everton?

DID YOU know that one-time England half-back Mike Bailey has managed clubs in all four Football League divisions inside 18 months — Hereford United (Fourth), Charlton Athletic (Third and Second), and now Brighton and Hove (First)?



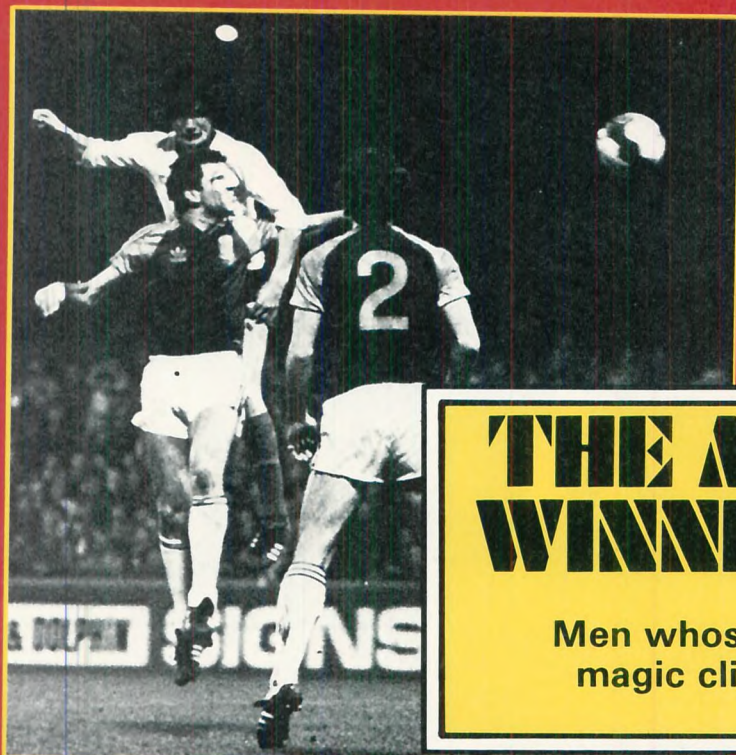
Swansea's Robbie James — completed 100 League appearances while still a teenager.

Much travelled striker Phil Boyer — now with Manchester City.

IT USED to be unknown for a player to figure in more than 50 big matches in a season, but with more and more competitions having been added the maximum has soared higher and higher. All these in the last few years have turned out in at least 70 in a season: Brian Talbot (Arsenal), Viv Anderson (Forest), Emlyn Hughes (for Liverpool), and Russell Osman (Ipswich).

WHO played in Football League Cup Finals with three different clubs? Scottish international inside-forward George Graham, with Aston Villa (season 1960-61), Chelsea (1964-65) and Arsenal (1967-68 and 1968-69). Villa and Chelsea both won, but Arsenal lost both their finals.





MATCH WINNER.....

ALAN HANSEN (LIVERPOOL)

V WEST HAM, LEAGUE CUP

FINAL REPLAY,

VILLA PARK,

APRIL 1, 1981

The goal that won Liverpool the League Cup. Alan Hansen powers above West Ham's Alvin Martin and then sees the ball take a deflection off Billy Bonds for the winner. Watching is Hammers Ray Stewart (2).

THE MATCH WINNERS - 4

Men whose moment of magic clinched glory

HEADS ...AND HANSEN COMPLETES THE SET

SCOTTISH international defender Alan Hansen completed Liverpool's silverware set when his header brought the League Cup to Anfield for the first time.

The only domestic trophy that has eluded the powerful 'Reds' was the League Cup, but skipper Phil Thompson's men remedied that state of affairs on an emotion-charged night in Birmingham.

After a 0-0 draw at Wembley, Liverpool and runaway Second Division leaders West Ham provided one of the most exciting League Cup Finals in the competition's history.

But the goal which settled the destination of the Cup was a personal tragedy for West Ham's stalwart defender Billy Bonds — it came off his knee.

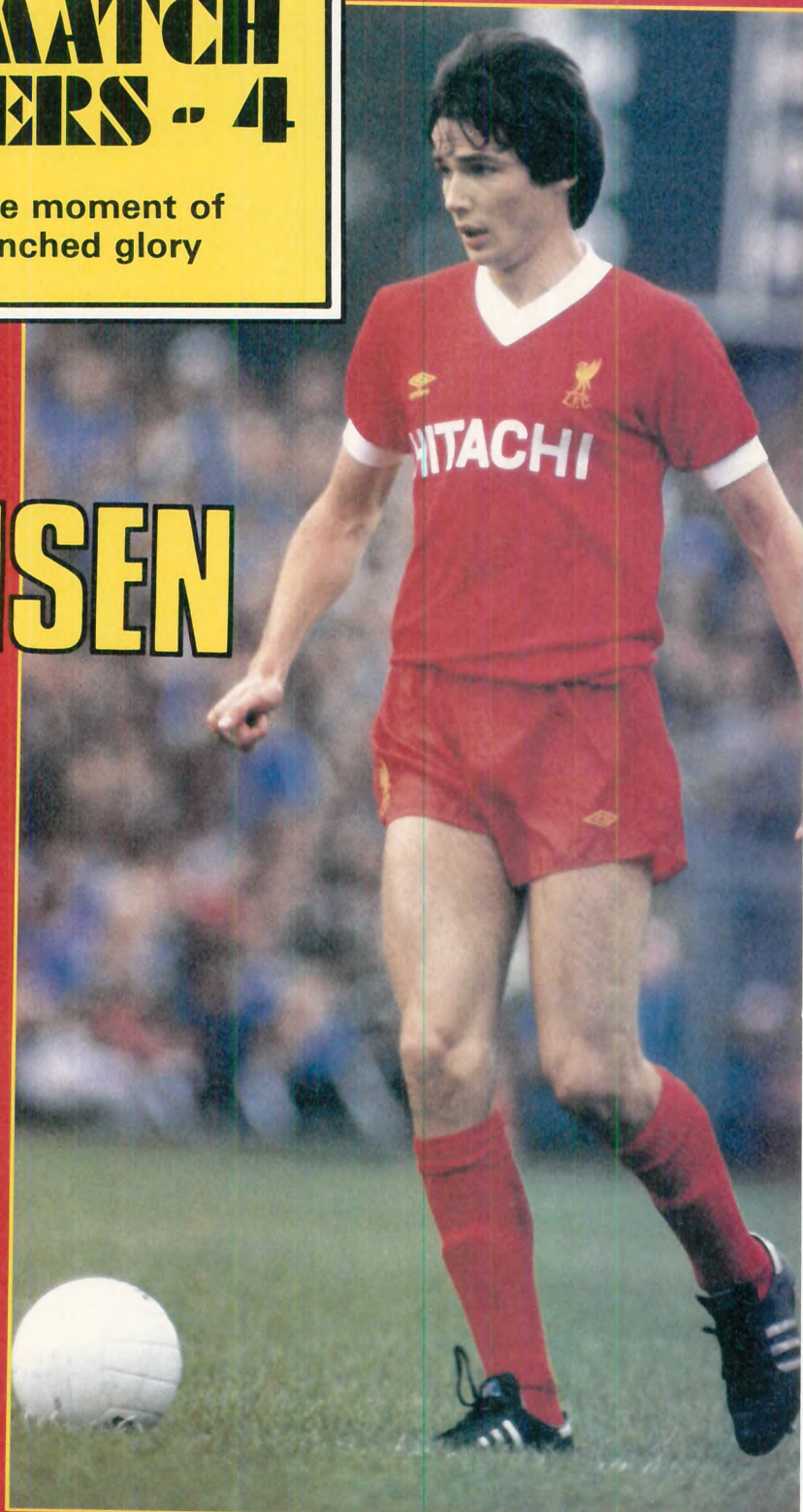
Liverpool fans were still celebrating Kenny Dalglish's equaliser in the 25th minute when Alan came up for a Jimmy Case corner.

He rose high above England centre-half Alvin Martin and saw his header shoot off Billy Bonds into the back of the net.

"I've watched the goal on the video and I'll concede it was an own goal," admitted Alan: "but we could have scored four or five in the first half — the lads played brilliantly."

Paul Goddard gave 'Hammers' a shock 10-minute lead, but after that Liverpool turned on the pressure and took the League Cup with style.

The win ensured Liverpool would be in some sort of European competition this season, but they didn't need the insurance. They went on to win the European Cup.



LARRY

MAY

LEICESTER CITY



match
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DAVID

Dundee United

NAREY

and Scotland



match
WEEKLY

Happy at WHY I DECIDED The Valley TO STAY · by Paul Walsh



Striker Paul Walsh — keen to get into the First Division with Charlton.

EXCITING young striker Paul Walsh — one of soccer's hottest properties — believes he's bound for the First Division with Charlton.

That's why the 18-year-old former England youth star signed a new contract for the Second Division club and made many top managers miserable.

And the man behind Paul's decision to stay at The Valley is new manager Alan Mullery.

"I'm still determined to play in the First Division but I believe I can achieve my aim with Charlton under the new manager.

"His style suits me and his ambition is infectious — I'm sure he'll do well for us," said Paul.

Paul played in the Third Division with the London club last season but he admits that the standard didn't suit him.

"I'm delighted we got out of there because the Third wasn't doing my style of play any good at all.

"You get kicked a lot more in the lower divisions because the defenders aren't so skilful. At least in the top two flights you get a chance to show your skill."

Paul burst on to the League scene at the tail end of the 1979-80 season when the London club were doomed to relegation to Division Three.

But his performances last season caught the eye as Charlton stormed back into Division Two as champions under manager Mike Bailey (now in charge of Brighton).

Paul made his debut for Charlton while he was a 17-year-old apprentice after four appearances for England youth.

He was a member of the England squad which won the European Youth tournament in East Germany in May 1980.

But it wasn't until he was 16 that Paul was spotted by Charlton's chief scout Jim Fibbins.

While most promising youngsters of his age were already apprentices with League clubs Paul was playing Sunday league football.

"I was late developer. It wasn't until the last few years that I've filled out and become stronger.

"Obviously I didn't have second thoughts about joining the club — even though my favourite team at the time was West Ham," admitted the Londoner.

BRIAN FLYNN



**SPOTLIGHT
ON THE
WALES &
LEEDS
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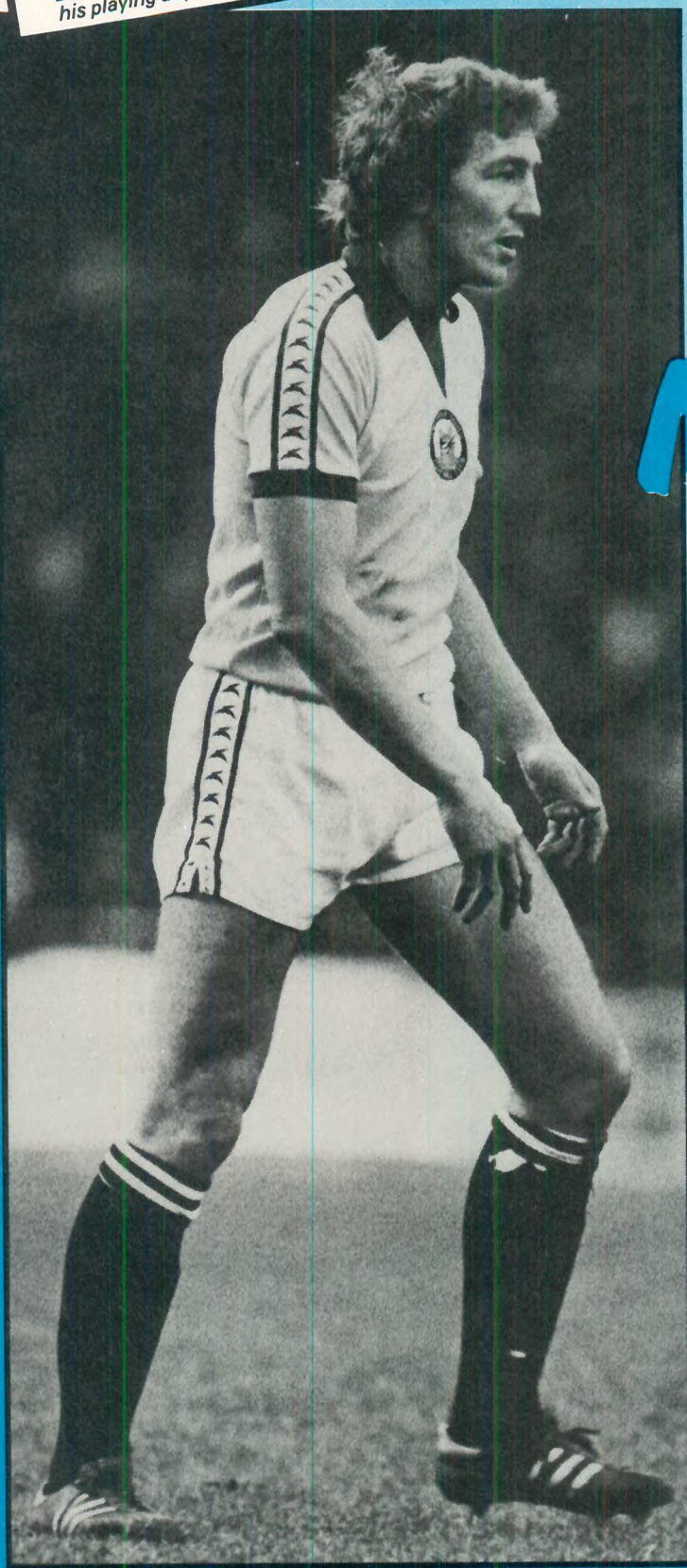
Brian Flynn

FULL NAME: Brian Flynn.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Port Talbot/
October 12th, 1955.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 3 1/2ins/9st.
MARRIED: Yes, to Elizabeth.
CHILDREN: No.
CAR: Audi 80.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Burnley.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Flynn'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Torn ligaments
in ankle last season — kept me out for four
months.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Swansea.
**FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE
PLAYER AND WHY:** My Leeds team-mate
Eddie Gray — he's the ultimate
professional.
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND
WHY:** Diego Maradona (Argentina) — he's
special.
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Jennings
(N. Ireland), Newton, Moore, Charlton, J.,
Sansom, Ball (all England), Bremner
(Scotland), Brady (Eire), Keegan (England),
Law (Scotland), Best (N. Ireland).
ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Jennings,
Newton, Moore, Beckenbauer, Breitner
(W. Germany), Cruyff (Holland), Zico
(Brazil), Maradona (Argentina), Pele
(Brazil), Eusebio (Portugal), Best.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Highbury
(Arsenal).
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT
WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED:** Cologne (W.
Germany).
BEST GOAL SCORED: On my debut for
Wales against Scotland (1975) after a one-
two with John Toshack.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: I'm going
to cheat here. It wasn't a goal but it was
one of the most fantastic things I've ever
seen. Pele's shot from the half-way line
during the 1970 World Cup.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Beating
England 1-0 at Wembley in the Home
Internationals four years ago.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:
Scoring on my Wales debut against
Scotland.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not
winning a major honour.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Table
tennis, tennis and badminton.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Driving and
being at home with the wife.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Bad
referees.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Hill Street Blues.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF:
Crossroads.
FAVOURITE READING: Books on Russia
and autobiographies.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Billy
Joel and Barbra Streisand.
BEST FILM SEEN: 'The Sting'.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Beef chasseur.
FAVOURITE DRINK: White wine.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: West
Germany.
BEST FRIEND: I hope I have lots.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:
Jimmy Adamson at Burnley.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Plain omelette.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Six youth,
two Under-23 and 46 full Welsh caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To enjoy life.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win
honours in the game.
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Our
goalkeeper John Lukic.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET:
Prince Charles.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: When you
first get into the first team don't think
you've made it — there's still a long way to
go!

THE FOURTH DIVISION'S LUCKY NUMBER AND IT'S . . .

Below: New Mansfield player-manager Stuart Boam in his playing days at Newcastle.

-UP FOR MANSFIELD



MANSFIELD Town should be in seventh heaven this season . . .

In every one of the past seven years the team that finished seventh in the Fourth Division has been promoted the very next season.

And yes, you've guessed it . . . Mansfield finished seventh last term.

But while it would certainly be a tremendous achievement for player-manager Stuart Boam if his home town club were promoted in his first season in charge, he's not taking the omen seriously.

The former Newcastle and Middlesbrough defender who began his playing career with Mansfield, admits he doesn't care much for superstition . . .

"I've never been the superstitious type. In fact, I go out of my way to prove it by walking under ladders," says Stuart.

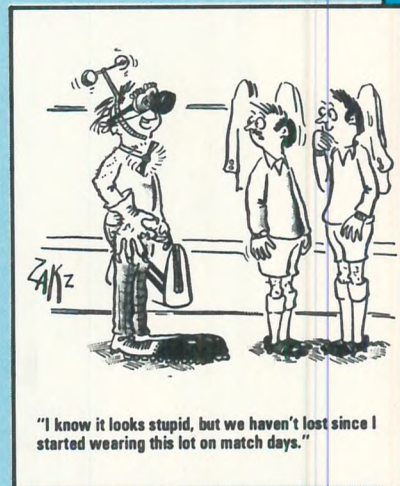
"But a lot of footballers are superstitious. I know former Middlesbrough manager Jack Charlton and current Newcastle boss Arthur Cox are very superstitious, but I would do silly things to try and disprove them.

"No doubt some of my players are superstitious. If past events put them in the right frame of mind and helps them play better all well and good.

"If that does happen then I shall probably start being superstitious.

"All I know is that the club finished seventh last season and were perhaps a little unfortunate not to go up.

"As far as I am concerned I'm



"I know it looks stupid, but we haven't lost since I started wearing this lot on match days."

starting from the word go at Mansfield. There is a good squad of players here and it's up to me to turn them into a promotion side."

The lucky seven

THE Fourth Division apart, the figure seven was also significant in the First and Second Divisions last season.

Aston Villa lifted the First Division championship after finishing seventh the previous season, and West Ham did likewise in Division Two.

But it's in the Fourth Division where seven really proves to be the lucky number.

These are the teams who have been promoted over the past seven seasons after finishing seventh the previous term:
1979-80 - Lincoln; 1978-79 - Portsmouth; 1977-78 - Barnsley; 1976-77 - Watford; 1975-76 - Exeter; 1974-75 - Reading; 1973-74 - Chester.

PICTURE OF HAPPINESS

Jimmy aims to put Brighton on the map.

Jimmy Case... Brighton's £400,000 close season signing from Liverpool won most of the games top honours, but his prized possession is a picture hanging in his mum's living room.

JIMMY Case won the game's top honours in his glory days at Liverpool... but one of his most prized possessions is a picture hanging in his mum's living room.

It shows the Brighton star scoring for Liverpool against Manchester United in the 1977 FA Cup Final at Wembley.

"Although we lost the match that picture reminds me of my smashing career at Anfield," said Jimmy, who joined the south coast club for £400,000 just before the season started.

"The picture shows the ball leaving my foot, the trainers bench... and my wife in the stand among the crowd."

Liverpool went down 2-1 in that Final, but the rest of Jimmy's Anfield career was all about winning trophies.

He picked up a hat-trick of European Cup winners medals, as well as four League Championship and UEFA and League Cup medals in seven success laden years.

And during that time he thrilled fans world-wide with spectacular long-range goals from his thunderbolt right foot.

Difficult

"Liverpool are a fantastic club and it was a very difficult decision for me to leave them, but I couldn't see myself getting back into the first team," he admitted.

A hamstring injury early last season put Jimmy out of action for four games and young Sammy Lee grabbed his big chance and made the midfield place his own.

"There were only two people guaranteed of their places in the first team last season — Kenny Dalglish and goalkeeper Ray Clemence.

"And now that Liverpool have added Mark Lawrenson from Brighton and Craig Johnston from Middlesbrough, midfield places will be even harder to win."

He's relishing the challenge of a new club even though it's likely he'll be fighting at the other end of the First Division.

"I know Brighton aren't going to be world-beaters — my aim is to help put the club on the map and establish them as a First Division outfit.

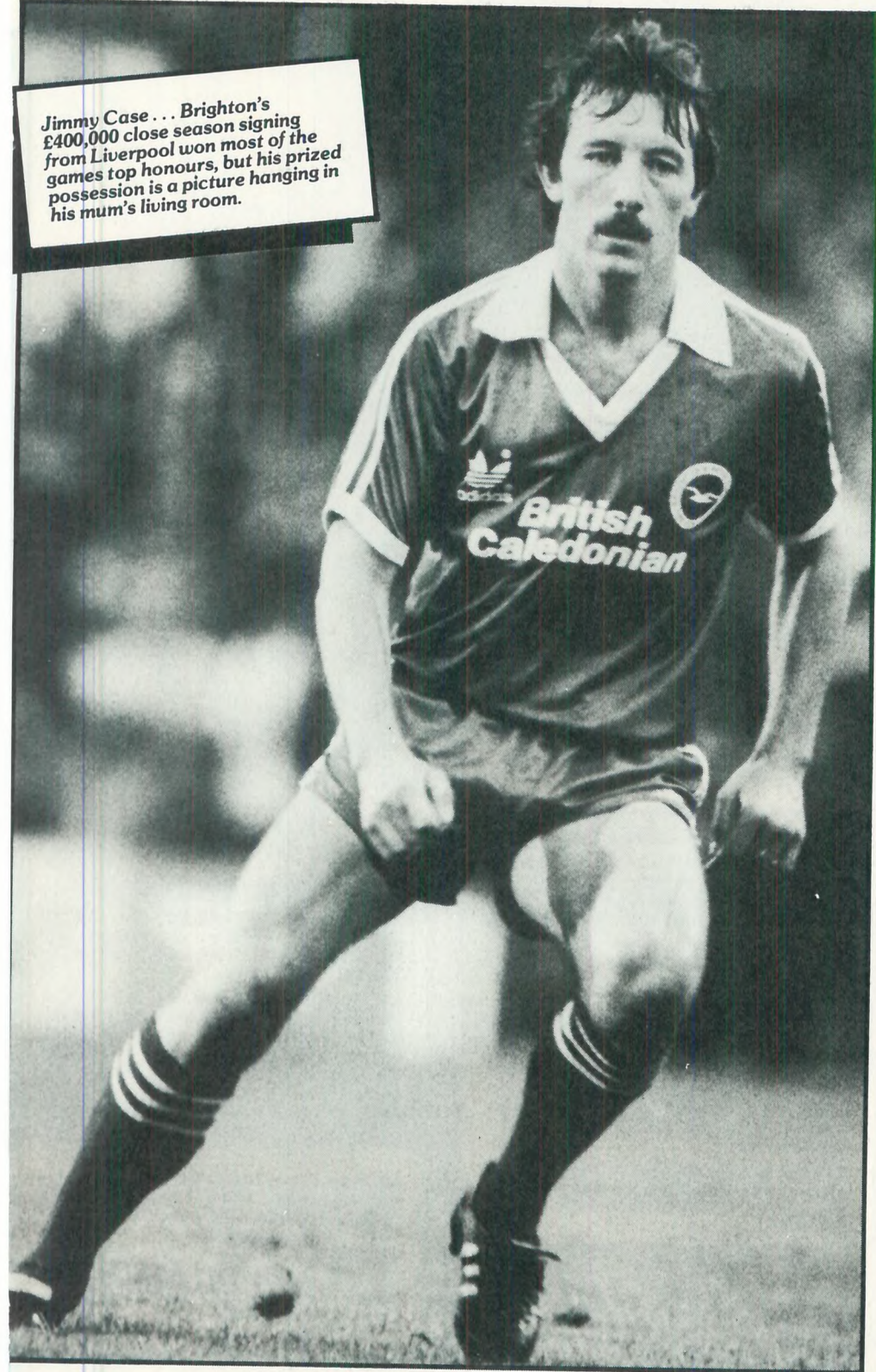
"But it's not going to happen overnight — the building process takes years.

"The most we can hope for this season is a mid-table place and a good cup run but I feel Mike Bailey's moving on the right lines," added Jimmy.

And the move to the seaside town of Brighton also suits the Case family.

"It's a great place to bring up my seven-month-old daughter Emma," said Jimmy.

"The place is so relaxed and the people very friendly — I know I'm going to enjoy living down here," he added.





1 Which Yugoslavian international player helped Aston Villa to clinch the Football League Championship on the last Saturday of the Football League programme?

2 What was unusual about West Ham United's European Cup Winners Cup match at home to Castilla last season?

3 Who is the British player who equalled Jose Altafini's record of 14 goals in a season of major European competition during the 1980-81 season?

4 Who scored twice for England in their vital World Cup victory over Hungary in Budapest?

5 Kevin Reeves' successful penalty kick in the FA Cup Final Replay maintained the 100% success record of penalty takers in the FA Cup Final at Wembley. Prior to this who had scored the last penalty taken in the FA Cup Final?

6 Who is the foreign star signed by an English club as their record signing and released on a free transfer during the 1980-81 season?

7 When Dai Davies became Wales' most capped goalkeeper at the end of the 1980-81 season whose record did he beat?

8 Two former England international players, both with a top Midlands club, were forced into retirement by injury during the 1980-81 season. Who are they?

9 Four people managed Crystal Palace at various stages during their disastrous 1980-81 campaign. Who are they?

Left: The player we are looking for in question four makes a habit of scoring crucial goals - and here is celebrating another one.

Left: The answer to part of question eight is among this group of jubilant stars. How many other famous faces can you pick out on the picture!

The puzzled expression on the face of this foreign star (below) might well match that on your own face. His name is the answer to question six.



10 Who is the N. Ireland international defender signed by Glasgow Rangers at the end of the 1980-81 season?

11 Liverpool won the Football League Cup for the first time in 1981, but only after an embarrassing defeat in the first leg of their second round tie against which Fourth Division team?

12 Who scored the decisive away goal in Liverpool's 1-1 draw against Bayern Munich in the European Cup semi-final second leg?

13 Which ex-England international forward played for Bishop's Cleeve in the 1981 FA Challenge Trophy Final at Wembley?





QUESTION TIME

14 Who was the Football League's top scorer during the 1980-81 season?

15 Which Polish club knocked Manchester United out of the UEFA Cup last season and was in turn beaten by the eventual winners Ipswich Town?

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Tricky teasers
to test your
soccer knowledge



This former World Cup hero should help point you in the right direction on question sixteen.

If you are as sharp as the striker pictured right you'll soon solve question fourteen.

16 Four members of the 1966 England World Cup winning side lost managerial positions during the past season. Who are they and which clubs did they manage?

17 Which club enjoyed a 4-0 victory in their League Cup second round first leg match but failed to reach the next round?



Above: Question eighteen's mystery man is among this group of players celebrating a goal. Think twice before answering...

18 Restored to Holland's national squad this England based player scored the winning goal in a crucial World Cup match against France. Who is he?

19 Who saved Ian Redford's last minute penalty in the 1980-81 Scottish FA Cup Final to ensure that a replay was necessary?

20 Which club did the 'double' over Liverpool during the 1980-81 season but failed to avoid relegation at the end of the season?

**ANSWERS ON
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WOLVES NEED W POWER

WOLVES fans have still to see the best from skipper John Richards and his £1 million striking partner Andy Gray.

But the recent signing of Chesterfield winger Alan Birch may lead to the same kind of success John enjoyed with colourful Irishman Derek Dougan in the early seventies.

"Andy and myself still haven't clicked yet," says John. "He's had a few injury problems and I think we have needed a winger to bring the best out of us."

"Andy's strength is in the air so he needs crosses and I enjoy feeding off the other strikers."

"When myself and Derek Dougan had some success we had the likes of Dave Wagstaffe supplying plenty of crosses. I'm hoping that Alan can produce the same kind of service."

In 1972-73 Richards and Dougan scored 39 League goals between them as Wolves finished fifth in the First Division.

However, apart from two League Cup Final victories, the club have never given the impression that they can recapture those glory days of the fifties when three Championships came their way.

Thirty-year-old John prefers not to recall those halcyon days: "We've got a whole new generation of fans growing up with the team and we gave them some success in the seventies."

"Obviously, we need a few players to strengthen the squad before we can talk in terms of challenging for major honours."

"If we can do that and find some consistency in the League, instead of being regarded simply as a cup side, then there is no reason why we shouldn't make an impact in the near future."

"There's nothing worse than struggling near the bottom of the League because it makes life much harder."

Despite the absence of the glamour and honours associated with the big clubs, John has no regrets about spending his whole career at Wolves.

"They gave me my chance in football at the age of 19 when it looked as though I would be heading for a teaching career, and I have no regrets," says John who was spotted while playing for the England Grammar Schools' side.

There was only one time when his future at Wolves seemed in doubt.

"It was in 1976 when we were relegated to the Second Division and I was getting over a couple of knee operations."

"But I had promised new manager Sammy Chung that I would give it a season and

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us go
says
**JOHN
RICHARDS**



Wolves' skipper John Richards (above) - no regrets about spending his whole career at Molineux.

John Richards' striking partner at Wolves, Andy Gray (right): "We still haven't clicked yet," says John.

fortunately we won the championship at the first attempt so there was nothing to decide in the end."

Within three years of joining the professional ranks John had achieved every schoolboys' dream — scoring the winning goal at Wembley.

It came in the 2-1 victory over Manchester City in 1974 and he recalls his magic moment as if it were yesterday:

"Mike Bailey sent a great ball to the by-line for Alan Sunderland to cut it back to the penalty spot where I was waiting to put it away."

He collected another League Cup winners' medal in 1979 against Nottingham Forest, but in contrast has suffered the despair of losing in three FA Cup semi-finals.

"The disappointment gets worse every time. Losing to Tottenham last season in a replay was the hardest of all."



The rise...and rise

OF GRAHAM ROBERTS

"I must be the luckiest footballer in history"

JUST over one year ago Tottenham defender Graham Roberts was playing non-league football for Weymouth.

Now he's the proud possessor of an FA Cup Final medal and an established First Division defender.

Here he recalls his fairy-tale leap from non-League obscurity to the big time in just one season.

I WAS as proud as punch when I first walked into Tottenham's training headquarters — but the autograph hunters soon brought me back to earth.

They looked at me as if to say: "Who the heck is this?"

I think they thought I was the cleaner.

Now, after an incredible year in which I leapt from the obscurity of non-league football to claim an FA Cup winners' medal, my identity problem has disappeared.

I must be the luckiest footballer in history and I don't think anybody else will be able to match that achievement.

When I signed for Spurs at the beginning of last season, I only expected to play in about half-a-dozen games.

When the season finished, I had totted up more than thirty League appearances... plus two in the FA Cup Final.

When you consider that many great players go through a career without playing in one Final, you can understand why I have to keep switching on my video recorder to make sure that it really is me walking up those famous 39 steps at Wembley.

My outstanding Cup Final memory is undoubtedly Ricky Villa's marvellous winner. I was standing directly behind him as he made his run and I swear that when he sold that dummy to the Manchester City defender, 20,000 Spurs fans on the terraces bought it as well.

I also remember — only too well — the collision with Chris Hughton's boot which cost me a tooth.

I was a bit dazed in the dressing room and the doctor told manager Keith Burkinshaw that I shouldn't go out for the second half.

While they were trying to make up their minds I was up and off the treatment table making my own way towards the field. I was determined not to miss any of the action.

I must admit that Wembley seemed a long way off when both Southampton and Portsmouth decided to let me go as a youngster.

I signed for Dorchester Town but it wasn't until I was transferred to Weymouth that my non-league career began to pick up.

Oxford wanted to buy me but the clubs couldn't agree terms. Later both West Brom and Tottenham came in for me.

I was very impressed with what I saw at The Hawthorns, but as soon as I stepped inside White Hart Lane I was ready to sign the forms.

Tottenham are a big club in every sense of the word and I don't think West Brom will ever be able to match them.

Above, left: Blood-stained but battling on — that's Graham Roberts as he shadows Manchester City's Kevin Reeves during last season's FA Cup Final.

Left: The moment that almost put Graham Roberts out of the Final as the flying boot of team-mate Chris Hughton smashes into his face.



When QPR decided to invest in a new pitch . . .

I had to get away

STEVE Wicks' desire to play First Division football wasn't the best-kept secret last season.

So when the stylish central defender won his move away from Queen's Park Rangers, nobody bothered to take much notice - until they discovered his destination.

For Steve rejected Second Division title favourites Rangers in favour of relegated Crystal Palace.

So why did he stay in the Second Division with a club that is expected to finish below Rangers?

"Palace are a big club with the potential to attract gates of 35,000 which is far higher than Rangers can hope for," says the £700,000 defender.

"There's no shortage of quality players here with the likes of Jim Cannon, Paul Hinshelwood, Vince Hilaire, Paul Barron and Jerry Murphy.

"I am very impressed with manager Dario Gradi and the whole set-up. The club has settled down after all last season's problems and there's a belief that we can do something again.

"I must be honest and say that I wanted to leave Rangers for a First Division club.

"After three years on the same wage level I felt I deserved an increase. Rangers were only prepared to offer me a longer contract so that made me unsettled.

"I was disappointed when no First Division club came in for me. But Rangers were asking £700,000 which is a lot considering Tottenham, who I had been linked with, paid only a third of that to sign Welsh international Paul Price.

"I was flattered that Palace were prepared to spend so much on me and I intend to repay their faith."

One of the other factors behind Steve's move was Rangers' decision to lay artificial turf.

"When the club decided to invest in Omniturf I knew I had to get away," he says.

"You can't blame Rangers because the pitch makes financial sense. Their ball players will thrive on it and goalkeeper John Burridge won't mind the hard surface. He'll dive on broken glass to save a goal.

"From my point of view I didn't think it would suit my game. We tested the surface out at Wimbledon and I found it difficult to tackle and get tight on players.

"It will encourage teams to play the ball to feet whereas I like it in the air."

Although Steve fancies Palace for promotion, he also believes that his old club will be the team to beat.

"I can't speak too highly of Terry Venables. He's a brilliant manager and there's no doubt that he'll make Rangers very successful."

ANSWERS

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ACROSS: 1. Manchester City; 13. Steel; 14. Oldham Athletic; 17. Wallington; 18. Air; 19. Bar; 22. Sunderland; 27. Tranmere Rovers; 29. Rush; 31. Radio; 32. Ards; 33. Home; 36 & 38 down. First Team; 40. Links; 42. Ken Knighton; 45. Ahead; 47. The Reds; 48. Sammy Lee; 49. Rotherham; 50 & 43 down. Alan Ball; 51. Nets; 53. Müller; 56. Chesterfield; 58. York; 61. Wile; 62. Charlton; 63. Doctor; 64. See 11 down; 65. Nou; 66. See 105 across; 68. Oscar; 69. Cup; 70. Tigers; 72. Pele; 74. Austria; 75. Aston Villa; 78 & 54 down. Dundee United; 79. Turf; 80. Brentford; 83. Brendon Batson; 87. Dave; 89. New; 90. Ossie; 92. Clyde; 93. Tom Finney; 96. Fred; 97. Versus; 100. Tampa; 103. Trip; 104. Ankle; 105 & 66 across. Peter Knowles; 108 & 86 down. Three-one; 109. Onside; 110. Larry; 111. Relegation; 112. Bristol Rovers; 117. Portland Timbers; 122. Holliday; 123 & 129 down. Field Mill; 125. See 130 across; 127. Blue; 128. Joe; 130 & 125 across. Ray O'Brien; 131. County; 132. Tea; 133. Turnstile; 134. Rome; 135. Roots; 136. See 21 down; 137. Noel Cantwell; 138. Ally.

DOWN: 1. (so)Mew(when); 2. Alan Shoulder; 3 & 115 down. Colin Viljoen; 4. Ernie; 5. Total; 6. Ron; 7. Iran; 8. Yorath;

9. Cap; 10. Styles; 11 & 64 across. Albion Rovers; 12. Steve Coppell; 13. Sub; 15. Dolan; 16. Chester; 20. See 39 down; 21 & 136 across. Geoff Palmer; 23. Derek; 24. Ross; 25. Astle; 26. Drinkell; 28. Brighton and Hove Albion; 30. Strike; 34. Shorts; 35. Southend United; 37. Richie Barker; 38. See 36 across; 39 & 20. Gresty Road; 41. Nish; 43. See 50 across; 44. Geoff Crundington; 46. Dons; 52. Southampton; 54. See 78 across; 55. Leeds United; 57. Dillon; 59. Kerr; 60. Goalie; 67. Sheffield Wednesday; 69. Cliff; 71. Stepney; 72. Pat; 73. Paddy; 76. Nobby Stiles; 77. Led; 81. Easy; 82. Trevor; 84. Eye; 85. Numbers; 86. See 108 across; 88. Ayr; 91. Arsenal; 94. International; 95. Neil; 96. Fan; 98. Petar Borota; 99. Steve; 101. Mark; 102. Atyeo; 104. Alan Mullery; 106. Ends; 107. Dino; 113. Thistle; 114. Ray Wood; 115. See 3 down; 116. Referee; 118. Rio; 119. Don; 120. Everton; 121. Celtic; 124. Drawn; 126. Bruce; 129. See 123 across.

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1. Bosco Jankovic (Middlesbrough), who scored twice in his club's 2-1 win over Ipswich Town to ensure Villa of the Championship even though they lost at Arsenal; 2. Played behind closed doors as a UEFA punishment for crowd disturbances during the first leg; 3. John Wark (Ipswich Town); 4. Trevor

Brooking; 5. Danny Blanchflower (Tottenham v Burnley, 1962); 6. Claudio Marangoni - ex-Sunderland; 7. Jack Kelsey; 8. Brian Little and Mike Pejic (Aston Villa); 9. Terry Venables, Ernie Whalley, Malcolm Allison and Dario Gradi; 10. John McClelland - signed from Mansfield Town; 11. Bradford City; 12. Ray Kennedy; 13. John Radford; 14. Tony Kellow (Exeter City); 15. Widzew Lodz; 16. Geoff Hurst (Chelsea), Alan Ball (Blackpool), Martin Peters (Sheffield United) and Nobby Stiles (Preston); 17. Southampton - they lost 7-1 in the second leg at Watford; 18. Arnold Muhren (Ipswich Town); 19. Hamish McAlpine (Dundee United); 20. Leicester City.

Do you know your soccer? Page 74/75

Where are they now?: Woods (Norwich), Gray (Leeds), Lloyd (Wigan, manager), Bowyer (Sunderland), O'Neill (Manchester City), Ponte (Bastia), Gemmill (Birmingham), Bowles (Orient), Woodcock (Cologne), Birtles (Manchester United), Curran (Sheffield Wednesday).

Who's in the Wall?: Players in the picture are (from left to right): Steve McCall (12), Alan Brazil (10), Eric Gates (hidden), John Wark (7), Arnold Muhren (8), Frans Thijssen (4), Kevin Reeves (11), Paul Mariner (9).

Do you know me? Answer: Paul Mariner (Ipswich).

Find that ball. Answer: The correct football is 'c'.

Club crest answers: A. Huddersfield; B. Torquay; C. Wolves; D. Carlisle.

Missing links. Answers: 1. Hereford; 2. Southport; 3. Alan Hansen; 4. Shrewsbury; 5. AZ 67 Alkmaar; 6. Weymouth; 7. Luxembourg; 8. Norway; 9. Tommy Hutchison; 10. New York Cosmos.

Where do they play. Solution: 1. Bolton Wanderers; 2. Preston; 3. Reading; 4. Wigan; 5. Swindon; 6. Stockport.

Spot the changes: 1. Telephone receiver now black; 2. Cupboard door handle missing; 3. Second handle on bag; 4. Piece of paper missing; 5. Plate now on cup; 6. Face on team picture missing; 7. Player has another button on his cuff; 8. Manager has moustache; 9. Cobweb on table; 10. Black leaf on plant.



Me and my shadow!
EVER had the feeling you're being followed? Certainly, England international Peter Barnes knew all about close marking when England met Wales in a Home International at Wrexham. Joey Jones, of Wrexham, gave the WBA winger that 'don't look now' feeling.

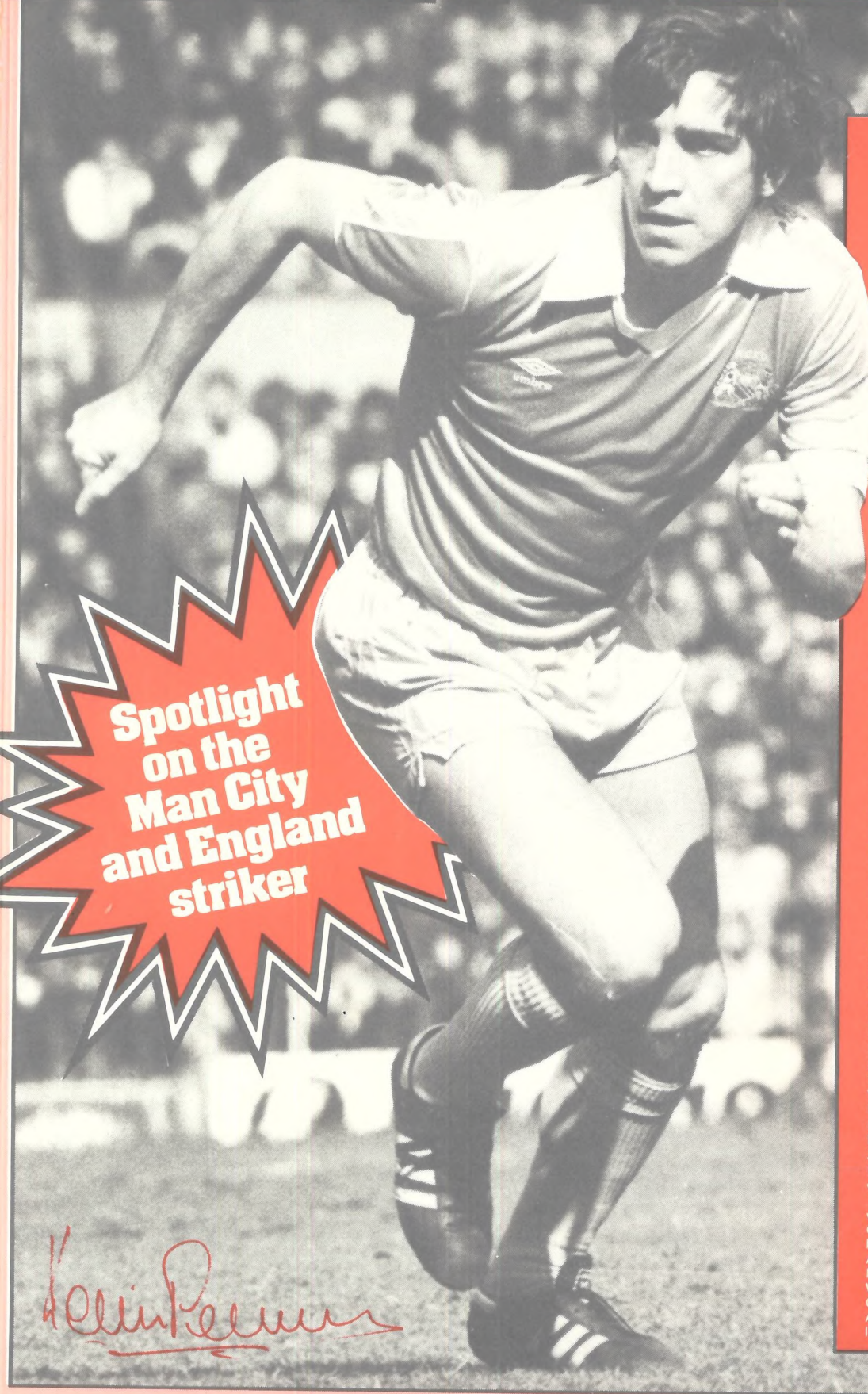
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**West Brom
and England**

KEVIN REEVES



**Spotlight
on the
Man City
and England
striker**

Kevin Reeves

FULL NAME: Kevin Philip Reeves
BIRTHPLACE: DATE: Burley Hants October 20, 1957
HEIGHT: WEIGHT: 5ft 9ins 11st 12lb
MARRIED: Yes, to Mary
CHILDREN: Philip and Bianca
CAR: Vauxhall Cavalier Coupe GL
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Bournemouth and Norwich
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None
WORST EVER INJURY: Pulled hamstring — out for six weeks
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool) — he's the best all-round striker in the country.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Norwich
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Diego Maradona (Argentina). He's the most exciting player since Pele.
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Mills, Moore, Thompson, Cooper, Charlton, R. Peters (all England), Best (N. Ireland), Law, Dalglish (Scotland), Greaves (England).
ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks, Kaltz (Germany), Moore, Beckenbauer, Vogts (Germany), Charlton, R. (England), Maradona (Argentina), Pele (Brazil), Cruyff (Holland), Best, Greaves.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Goodison Park (Everton).
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Olympic Stadium, Rome.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Leeds last season — a left foot volley.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Hans Krankl (Austria) against West Germany in the 1978 World Cup Finals.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: There are many!
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My international debut for England against Bulgaria at Wembley in 1980.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Every time I score a goal.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing in the FA Cup Final against Spurs.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, tennis, and snooker.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Playing records, reading, and going out for a meal.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking, washing the car and gardening.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Any sports programme.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Emmerdale Farm.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN: SINGER: Billy Joel and Stevie Wonder.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Beef stroganoff.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.
FAVOURITE ACTOR: ACTRESS: Dustin Hoffman, Meryl Streep.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: 'Airplane'.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: John Bond.
WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Losing and not scoring.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Youth Under-21 and Full England caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy with my wife and family.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win honours with club and country.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Nothing — I hope!
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Steve Mackenzie (Manchester City).
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Golfer Jack Nicklaus.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Practice and listen to every bit of advice.

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